## A 30-Day Challenge For The New Year

I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I keep working toward that day when I will finally be all that Christ Jesus saved me for and wants me to be. No, dear brothers and sisters, I am still not all I should be, but I am focusing all my energies on this one thing: forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead (Philippians 3:12-13).

- I will feed myself (and my family) with God's Word throughout the month of January. My home will be a center of meditation on the Bible. (Psalm 119:148; 2 Timothy 2:15; Matthew 4:4)
- I will pray like I have never prayed before throughout the month of January. My home will be a center of sacrifices offered before the throne of God.
  - (Revelation 5:8; 8:4; 1 Thessalonians 5:17)
- I will be a "Son" or "Daughter of Encouragement" throughout the month of January. My home will not be a haven of negativity and undue criticism, but of optimism and love. (*Acts 4:36-37; Romans 14:19; Philippians 2:1-4*)
- I will leave behind my sinful habits throughout the month of January. It is time to place them at the cross of Christ, where they should have been left long ago. (*Romans 7:14-25; 8:18, 37-39*)
- I will assemble with the saints for every period of Bible study and worship possible throughout the month of January.

My home and its issues will not draw me away from that which is most important. (*Hebrews 10:23-25*)

• I will make a conscious effort to worship in spirit and in truth throughout the month of January.

My home will be a place of preparation for my mind to come into the presence of my King. (*John 4:24; Psalm 122:1; 1 Corinthians 14:15*).

- I will have at least one brother or sister in Christ in my home in the month of January. My home will be a center of hospitality that reflects the love of my Savior. (Hebrews 13:1-2)
- I will not simply *DO* more, but *BE* more throughout the month of January.

What is needed most is a renovation of my heart.

(*Esse quam vider* – "To be, rather than to appear"; *Galatians 2:20*).

To God be the glory,