

Disciplines and Opportunities That Can Lead You to Victory in 2015

- A. If the Lord wills, 2015 contains a wealth of opportunities.
- B. What disciplines and opportunities have the potential to lead us to victory? (1 John 5:1-5)

I. _____

A. Our plan:

1. Sundays: a psalm (to lift our hearts in worship).
2. Weekdays: a chapter from the Gospels (to fix our eyes on Jesus), a chapter from Acts or one of the New Testament epistles (to refresh ourselves on what it means to be followers of Jesus), and a chapter from the Old Testament (to expand our knowledge of God's great plan to save mankind).
3. Saturdays: a chapter from Proverbs (to grow in wisdom).

B. Benefits and blessings:

1. God's word is the source and fortifier of faith (*Rom 10:17*)
2. God's word produces to life (*John 10:10; 1 Pet 1:23-25; John 6:63; 20:31*)
3. God's word gives hope (*Rom 15:4*)
4. God's word leads to freedom (*John 8:32; 17:17*)
5. God's word is a matchless fountain of wisdom (*Prov 1:2-4*)
6. God's word provides crucial warnings (*Prov 7:1-5*)
7. God's word enables us to defeat the devil (*John 8:44; Eph 6:16-17*)
8. God's word fertilizes great and lasting joy (*Psa 1:1-3*)

II. _____

- A. Our plan: pick a different person each month and pray for them every day. Pray for receptive hearts, opportunities, wisdom, and boldness. Pray that God might use you to impact them.
- B. Benefits and blessings: "*The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working*" (*James 5:16*).

III. _____

- A. Our plan: in an effort to serve through hospitality and develop closer relationships, invite someone to your home or out for a meal once a month.
- B. Benefits and blessings: the fruit of "*glad and generous hearts*" (*Acts 2:46-47*).

IV. _____

- A. Our plan: where are the opportunities to make a difference by serving? Can you host a singing or Bible study? Can you help an elderly brother or sister around their house? Can you visit someone who is shut-in? Who could use an extra dose of encouragement?
- B. Benefits and blessings: "*It is more blessed to give than to receive*" (*Acts 20:35*)