

A PURPOSE TO KEEP

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“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. 17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.” (Colossians 3:16-17)

INTRODUCTION

1. A WORD TO _____

A. _____

“Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.” (Proverbs 30:5)

“Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.” (John 17:17)

B. _____

A CONSTANT DWELLING

Quote: “The actual teaching of Christ, whether personally here on earth or by the Spirit since He has ascended to Heaven, is to dwell in full measure in each believer.”—**H. A. Ironside**

“And it shall be, when he sitteth upon the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write him a copy of this law in a book out of that

which is before the priests the Levites: 19 And it shall be with him, and he shall read therein all the days of his life: that he may learn to fear the Lord his God, to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to do them: 20 That his heart be not lifted up above his brethren, and that he turn not aside from the commandment, to the right hand, or to the left: to the end that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he, and his children, in the midst of Israel.” (Deuteronomy 17:18–20)

“These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.” (Acts 17:11)

Quote: “The vigor of our spiritual life will be in exact proportion to the place held by the Bible in our life and thoughts.”—**George Müller**

“But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.” (Psalm 1:2)

AN ABUNDANT DWELLING

2. A NAME TO _____

A. Honor _____

“Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.” (1 Corinthians 10:31)

B. Honor Christ in _____

IN WORD

“O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. 35 A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.” (Matthew 12:34–35)

“Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.” (Colossians 4:6)

IN DEED

“But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.” (James 1:22)

Quote: “We’ll have all eternity to celebrate our victories, but only one short hour before sunset to win them.”

—**Robert Moffat**

Quote: “I have always thought that the actions of men are the best interpreters of their thoughts.”—**John Locke**

“My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.” (1 John 3:18)

Quote: “Man sees your actions, but God your motives.”

3. A GOD TO _____

A. A Response of _____

*“Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light.”
(Colossians 1:12)*

“Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;” (Ephesians 5:20)

Quote: “If Jesus Christ be God and died for me, then no sacrifice can be too great for me to make for him.”—**C. T. Studd**

B. An Access of _____

“Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, 20 By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; 21 And having an high priest over the house of God; 22 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.” (Hebrews 10:19–22)

CONCLUSION

Quote: “The new year is God’s gift to us, and what we do with it is our gift to Him.”



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