

2017!

The Word is Intentionality!

The missing ingredient of unfulfilled “resolutions” is “intentionality!” So, the word for 2017 is: INTENTIONALITY!

January is our month of vision, and, visioneering... engineering our part of God’s vision! **Engineering...** Not creating, planning, altering, and constructing the works of God in our lives... But skillfully and shrewdly managing the enterprise He has laid out before us! **“Engineering,”** for us, means moving *God’s vision* forward with focused, skillful, **“intentionality!”** His plans (our treasure), our intentionality to find and have it by skillful management = “Visioneering!”

Ephesians 4.31-5.2 “Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ’s sake has forgiven you! Be mimics of God as dear children and walk in love as Christ loved us and gave Himself for us as an offering and sacrifice to God as a fragrant scent!”

Colossians 3.12-15 “Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humility of mind, meekness and longsuffering, forbearing one another and forgiving one another if any still has a complaint against any, even as Christ forgave you, so do it! Above all, put on the love, which is the bond that perfects! And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which you are also called in one body, and be thankful!”

If... Today was a normal study time... Would explore the text notes... **Discover the treasures of our alignment with His plans for us...** Freedom from the malice from which five bitter evils spring! **Eph 4.31** Freedom to exercise a loving, benevolent and forgiving temper! **v32** The freedom to take on His “form” and walk through life in love! **5.1-2** To not only cease to do evil things... But to replace them with good things...

We are the ones called to mimic Him, bear the character that is of Him (source), that refers to Him in everything (alignment), and, points to Him in all things (bringing glory to His name)!

But... it’s not a normal time of study... it’s a day to lay out God’s template of “intentionality!”

Intentionality... “Let... put away... be ye... even as... be ye therefore... and walk... put on...do also... above all... let... be”

The verbs are in the imperative, aorist... “You are to do this, for an indefinite period of time...” *In classic pure form: you are to do this with INTENTIONALITY!*

Intentionality... Not: intention(s): a course of action, a future plan, something you intend to follow-up on! **Intentionality:** deliberate actions you take purposely, pointedly, eyes wide open! *Instead of thinking about what you’d like to do for God, do what you know He wants you to do and let it shape your future!* Intentionality...

Begin your intentionality at home! All ministry and dominion was meant to operate from partnership! **Gen 1.26,28** Doesn’t mean singles don’t have a ministry partner! In fact, “freer” to minister with Him! **1Cor 7.32,33** **Get your homes built up!** “Let all bitterness and wrath, anger and clamor and evil speaking be put away! Be kind, tenderhearted, forgiving to one another!” **Eph 4.31ff** “You” spread the love, honor, respect!

Take it to work! “Whatsoever you do in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord... obey your bosses in all things, not when you’re in sight but in singleness of heart fearing God! Work from the heart

knowing it's from God that you will receive the reward of your inheritance, for you serve the Lord!" **Col 3.17-24** "Bosses, be just and equal with your workers knowing you have a boss in heaven... without respect of persons/positions!" **Col 4.1 Eph 6.9**

Serve your brothers and sisters in the church! "Let us not become weary in well-doing for in due season we will reap if we don't faint! As we have the opportunity let us do good to all men, especially to those who are of the household of faith!" **Gal 6.9,10** "See that none render evil for evil but follow after that which is good, both among yourselves and to all men!" **1Th 5.15**

Whatever we do in word or deed, do it, "intentionality" in the name of the Lord!