

HOW TO MAKE A FRESH START

Preparing for the New Year

Isaiah 43:18-19 (NCV) “The Lord says, `Forget about what has happened before. Do not think about the past. [Instead] look at the new thing I am going to do.”

S - _____ making excuses.

Proverbs 28:13 (LB) “A man who refuses to admit his mistakes can never be successful. But if he confesses and forsakes them, he gets another chance.”

Common Causes of Failure

• We don't _____.

Proverbs 27:12 (LB) “A sensible man watches for problems and prepares to meet them. The fool never looks ahead and suffers the consequences.”

• We don't _____.

Proverbs 15:22 (NCV) “Plans fail without good advice.”

• We _____.

Proverbs 24:10 (NCV) “If you give up when trouble comes, it shows that you are weak.”

T - _____ stock of my life.

Galatians 3:4 (ICB) “You have experienced many things. Were all those experiences wasted? I hope not!”

A - _____ in faith.

Matthew 9:29 (NIV) “According to your faith will it be done to you.”

Proverbs 16:9 (LB) “We should make plans – counting on God to direct us.”

Proverbs 29:25 (NCV) “Being afraid of people can get you into trouble...”

R - _____ my thoughts.

Proverbs 4:23 (GN) “Be careful how you think; your life is shaped by your thoughts.”

Psalms 1:1-3 (GN) “Happy are those who... are always meditating on God’s Word... They are like trees along a river... that do not dry up. They succeed in everything they do.”

Jonah 3:1 “And the word of the Lord came unto Jonah a second time.”

T - _____ God to help me.

Zechariah 4:6 (NCV) “You will not succeed by your own strength or power, but by My Spirit,’ says the Lord.”

2 Corinthians 5:17 (LB) “When someone becomes a Christian, he becomes a brand new person inside. He is not the same any more. A new life has begun!”