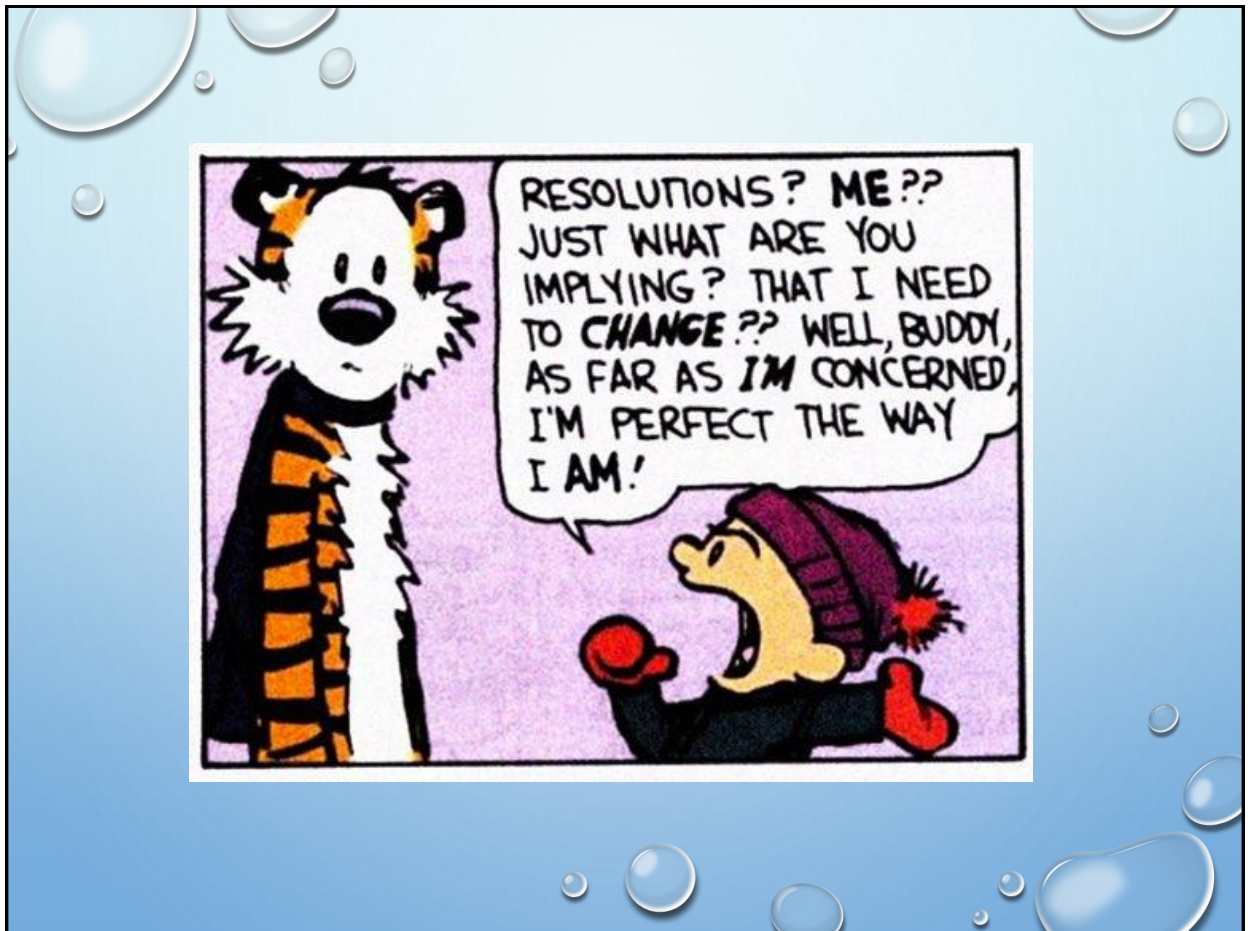
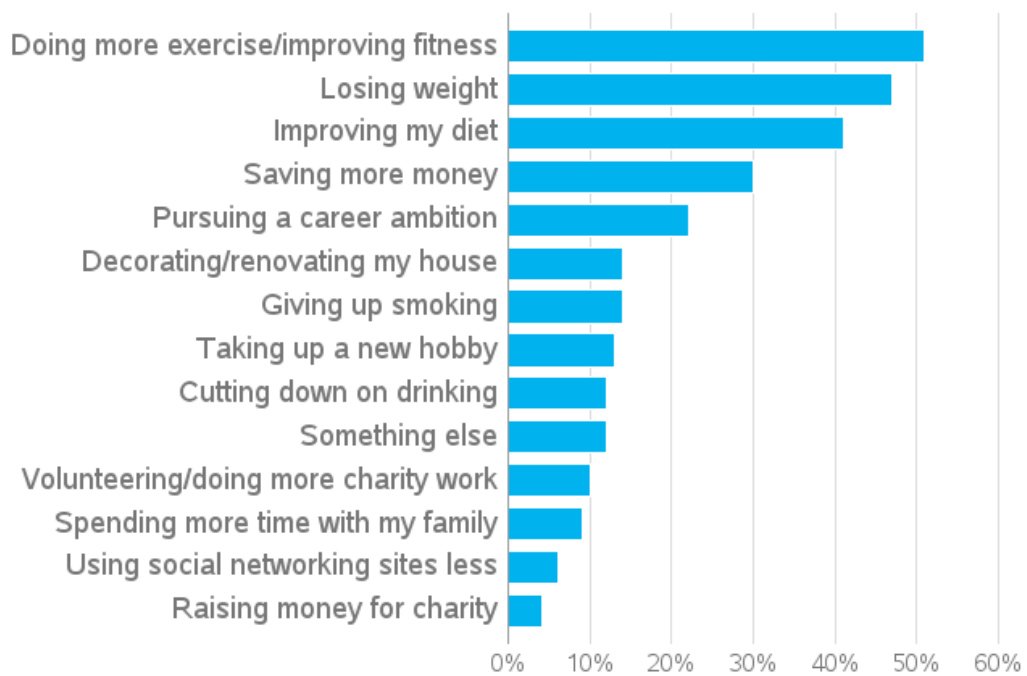


# LIVING WITH PURPOSE

ZEAL



## Most Common New Year's Resolutions



# RESOLUTION

- BE ZEALOUS FOR GOOD DEEDS

# ZEAL

- ZEALOUS

- 1) ONE BURNING WITH ZEAL, A ZEALOT
- 2) USED OF GOD AS JEALOUS OF ANY RIVAL AND STERNLY VINDICATING HIS CONTROL
- 3) MOST EAGERLY DESIROUS OF, ZEALOUS FOR, A THING

- ZEAL

- UNSTOPPABLE DESIRE
- OBSESSION



ISAIAH 9:1-7

- <sup>NAS</sup> **ISAIAH 9:1** BUT THERE WILL BE NO MORE GLOOM FOR HER WHO WAS IN ANGUISH; IN EARLIER TIMES HE TREATED THE LAND OF ZEBULUN AND THE LAND OF NAPHTALI WITH CONTEMPT, BUT LATER ON HE SHALL MAKE *IT* GLORIOUS, BY THE WAY OF THE SEA, ON THE OTHER SIDE OF JORDAN, GALILEE OF THE GENTILES.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **LUKE 1:26** NOW IN THE SIXTH MONTH THE ANGEL GABRIEL WAS SENT FROM GOD TO A CITY IN GALILEE, CALLED NAZARETH, <sup>27</sup> TO A VIRGIN ENGAGED TO A MAN WHOSE NAME WAS JOSEPH, OF THE DESCENDANTS OF DAVID; AND THE VIRGIN'S NAME WAS MARY.... <sup>31</sup>  
"AND BEHOLD, YOU WILL CONCEIVE IN YOUR WOMB, AND BEAR A SON, AND YOU SHALL NAME HIM JESUS.

- <sup>NAS</sup> **ISAIAH 9:2** THE PEOPLE WHO WALK IN DARKNESS WILL SEE A GREAT LIGHT; THOSE WHO LIVE IN A DARK LAND, THE LIGHT WILL SHINE ON THEM.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **JOHN 12:46** "I HAVE COME AS LIGHT INTO THE WORLD, THAT EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES IN ME MAY NOT REMAIN IN DARKNESS.



- <sup>NAS</sup> **ISAIAH 9:4** FOR YOU SHALT BREAK THE YOKE OF THEIR BURDEN AND THE STAFF ON THEIR SHOULDERS, THE ROD OF THEIR OPPRESSOR, AS AT THE BATTLE OF MIDIAN.
- <sup>NIV</sup> **MATTHEW 11:28** "COME TO ME, ALL YOU WHO ARE WEARY AND BURDENED, AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST. <sup>29</sup> TAKE MY YOKE UPON YOU AND LEARN FROM ME, FOR I AM GENTLE AND HUMBLE IN HEART, AND YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS. <sup>30</sup> FOR MY YOKE IS EASY AND MY BURDEN IS LIGHT."

- <sup>NAS</sup> **ISAIAH 9:6** FOR A CHILD WILL BE BORN TO US, A SON WILL BE GIVEN TO US; AND THE GOVERNMENT WILL REST ON HIS SHOULDERS; AND HIS NAME WILL BE CALLED WONDERFUL COUNSELOR, MIGHTY GOD, ETERNAL FATHER, PRINCE OF PEACE.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **JOHN 1:1** IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD, AND THE WORD WAS WITH GOD, AND THE WORD WAS GOD...<sup>14</sup> AND THE WORD BECAME FLESH, AND DWELT AMONG US, AND WE BEHELD HIS GLORY, GLORY AS OF THE ONLY BEGOTTEN FROM THE FATHER, FULL OF GRACE AND TRUTH.

- <sup>NAS</sup> **ISAIAH 9:7** THERE WILL BE NO END TO THE INCREASE OF *HIS* GOVERNMENT OR OF PEACE, ON THE THRONE OF DAVID AND OVER HIS KINGDOM, TO ESTABLISH IT AND TO UPHOLD IT WITH JUSTICE AND RIGHTEOUSNESS FROM THEN ON AND FOREVERMORE. THE ZEAL OF THE LORD OF HOSTS WILL ACCOMPLISH THIS.



# NEW TESTAMENT CLARIFICATION

## NOW BUT NOT YET

- <sup>NAS</sup> **TITUS 2:11** FOR THE GRACE OF GOD HAS APPEARED, BRINGING SALVATION TO ALL MEN, <sup>12</sup> INSTRUCTING US TO DENY UNGODLINESS AND WORLDLY DESIRES AND TO LIVE SENSIBLY, RIGHTEOUSLY AND GODLY IN THE PRESENT AGE, <sup>13</sup> LOOKING FOR THE BLESSED HOPE AND THE APPEARING OF THE GLORY OF OUR GREAT GOD AND SAVIOR, CHRIST JESUS;

- <sup>NAS</sup> **2 PETER 3:10** BUT THE DAY OF THE LORD WILL COME LIKE A THIEF, IN WHICH THE HEAVENS WILL PASS AWAY WITH A ROAR AND THE ELEMENTS WILL BE DESTROYED WITH INTENSE HEAT, AND THE EARTH AND ITS WORKS WILL BE BURNED UP. <sup>11</sup> SINCE ALL THESE THINGS ARE TO BE DESTROYED IN THIS WAY, WHAT SORT OF PEOPLE OUGHT YOU TO BE IN HOLY CONDUCT AND GODLINESS, <sup>12</sup> LOOKING FOR AND HASTENING THE COMING OF THE DAY OF GOD, ON ACCOUNT OF WHICH THE HEAVENS WILL BE DESTROYED BY BURNING, AND THE ELEMENTS WILL MELT WITH INTENSE HEAT! <sup>13</sup> BUT ACCORDING TO HIS PROMISE WE ARE LOOKING FOR NEW HEAVENS AND A NEW EARTH, IN WHICH RIGHTEOUSNESS DWELLS. <sup>14</sup> THEREFORE, BELOVED, SINCE YOU LOOK FOR THESE THINGS, BE DILIGENT TO BE FOUND BY HIM IN PEACE, SPOTLESS AND BLAMELESS,

- <sup>NAS</sup> **REVELATION 21:1** AND I SAW A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH; FOR THE FIRST HEAVEN AND THE FIRST EARTH PASSED AWAY, AND THERE IS NO LONGER ANY SEA. <sup>2</sup> AND I SAW THE HOLY CITY, NEW JERUSALEM, COMING DOWN OUT OF HEAVEN FROM GOD, MADE READY AS A BRIDE ADORNED FOR HER HUSBAND. <sup>3</sup> AND I HEARD A LOUD VOICE FROM THE THRONE, SAYING, "BEHOLD, THE TABERNACLE OF GOD IS AMONG MEN, AND HE SHALL DWELL AMONG THEM, AND THEY SHALL BE HIS PEOPLE, AND GOD HIMSELF SHALL BE AMONG THEM, <sup>4</sup> AND HE SHALL WIPE AWAY EVERY TEAR FROM THEIR EYES; AND THERE SHALL NO LONGER BE ANY DEATH; THERE SHALL NO LONGER BE ANY MOURNING, OR CRYING, OR PAIN; THE FIRST THINGS HAVE PASSED AWAY."

## WHY TWO STAGES?

- <sup>NAS</sup> **TITUS 2:14** WHO GAVE HIMSELF FOR US, THAT HE MIGHT REDEEM US FROM EVERY LAWLESS DEED AND PURIFY FOR HIMSELF A PEOPLE FOR HIS OWN POSSESSION, ZEALOUS FOR GOOD DEEDS.





## THE FOUNDATION OF CHRISTIAN ZEAL

- THE WORK OF GOD
  - <sup>NAS</sup> **ISAIAH 9:7** THERE WILL BE NO END TO THE INCREASE OF *HIS* GOVERNMENT OR OF PEACE, ON THE THRONE OF DAVID AND OVER HIS KINGDOM, TO ESTABLISH IT AND TO UPHOLD IT WITH JUSTICE AND RIGHTEOUSNESS FROM THEN ON AND FOREVERMORE. THE ZEAL OF THE LORD OF HOSTS WILL ACCOMPLISH THIS.
- THE EXAMPLE OF CHRIST
  - <sup>NAS</sup> **JOHN 2:17** HIS DISCIPLES REMEMBERED THAT IT WAS WRITTEN, "ZEAL FOR THY HOUSE WILL CONSUME ME."

## OUR CALL TO ZEAL

- <sup>NAS</sup> **TITUS 2:14** WHO GAVE HIMSELF FOR US, THAT HE MIGHT ... PURIFY FOR HIMSELF A PEOPLE FOR HIS OWN POSSESSION, ZEALOUS FOR GOOD DEEDS.
- <sup>ESV</sup> **ROMANS 12:11** DO NOT BE SLOTHFUL IN ZEAL, BE FERVENT IN SPIRIT, SERVE THE LORD.
- <sup>ESV</sup> **REVELATION 3:19** THOSE WHOM I LOVE, I REPROVE AND DISCIPLINE, SO BE ZEALOUS AND REPENT.

## ZEAL OF PAUL

- <sup>NAS</sup> **1 CORINTHIANS 2:2** FOR I DETERMINED TO KNOW NOTHING AMONG YOU EXCEPT JESUS CHRIST, AND HIM CRUCIFIED.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **PHILIPPIANS 3:8** MORE THAN THAT, I COUNT ALL THINGS TO BE LOSS IN VIEW OF THE SURPASSING VALUE OF KNOWING CHRIST JESUS MY LORD, FOR WHOM I HAVE SUFFERED THE LOSS OF ALL THINGS, AND COUNT THEM BUT RUBBISH IN ORDER THAT I MAY GAIN CHRIST
- <sup>ESV</sup> **PHILIPPIANS 3:13** ... BUT ONE THING I DO: FORGETTING WHAT LIES BEHIND AND STRAINING FORWARD TO WHAT LIES AHEAD, <sup>14</sup> I PRESS ON TOWARD THE GOAL FOR THE PRIZE OF THE UPWARD CALL OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS.



# CONCLUSIONS

- RESOLVE TO BE ZEALOUS FOR GOOD DEEDS
- RECOGNIZE OUR COMPLETE DEPENDENCE ON GOD FOR SUCCESS
  - *LORD, HELP ME SEE MORE OF YOU THAN EVER BEFORE.*
  - *LORD, REVEAL JUST HOW LITTLE I KNOW OF YOU.*
  - *LORD, MAKE WHAT I DO KNOW OF YOU MORE REAL IN MY HEART.*