

Leaping With The Edge of Direction



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Proverbs 4:23-27

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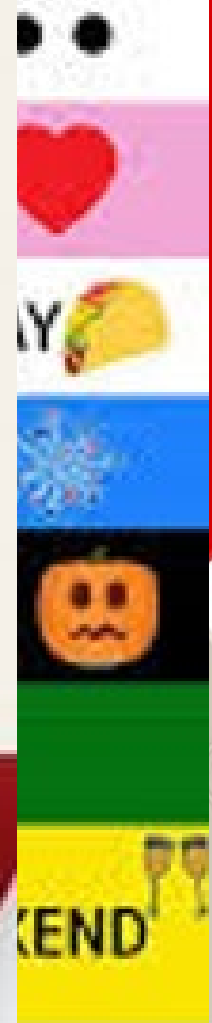
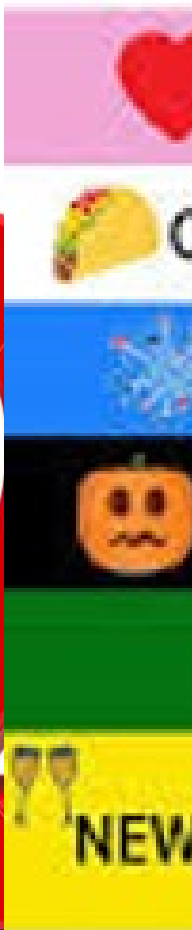


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Leap Day.

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THANK YOU, LEAP YEAR!!!

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NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE

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SUNDAY MORNING



**What are your
New Year resolutions?**



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What is on your list for:

Before you decide that lets talk a little about what you should consider before you start your list.

How about evaluating what went on last year and before, are there any bad habits that are haunting you?

Are you doing the very best that you can to be the kind of person you want to be?

Are there some things about you that you don't like and are sure others don't as well?

Do you anticipate improvement, staying the same or digressing in the coming year?



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Evaluation:

Look at who I am today and where I have been over the last year.

As a Christian, where do my goals originate?

Are they the same goals adopted as my fellow Christians?

Should I be looking at a different set of values?

Are the results equal to the importance of other Americans or do my results matter more to me?

If 85% of the resolutions fall by the wayside, can I afford for mine to fall with theirs.



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Resolutions for Cartersville for 2020:

Spend more time with family & friends

Fit in fitness

Tame the bulge

Quit Smoking

Enjoy life more

Quit Drinking & drugs

Get out of debt

Learn something new

Help others

Get organized



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Resolutions for other Americans:

Drink less alcohol

Get a better education

Get a better job

Get fit

Lose weight

Manage Debt

Manage Stress

Quit smoking now

Reduce, reuse and recycle

Save Money

Take a trip

Volunteer to help others



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Do these goals fit your needs?

Notice not one mentions serving God

Not one even mentions God

Not one mentions our love for Christ

Not one mentions our concern for others

Not one mentions our sorrow of sins

Not one mentions our work in the church

Not one mentions our loyalty to our brethren

Not one mentions our future life after this one is over



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Organizational:

Am I - Looking to the future with a good understanding of the past

Asking - How am I doing on my road to eternity?

Pondering - Is life all about me or is it about my service to God?

Question - Can I be satisfied with being happy with my surroundings, my health and my wealth?

My thinking - Should it all be about pleasing my every whim?

My desire - Should I strive to make my life here on earth all about fulfilling all my wants at the cost of my soul?



2020 to the END

Looking forward with anticipation

Life Choices

Serving God

Putting Him First

Love for Christ

Love for others

Sorrow for Sin

Work in Church

Loyal to Brethren

Reward is Heaven

In Scripture

Acts 20:17-24

Rom 12:9-13

I Cor. 16:22, Eph. 6:24

1 Pet. 3:8-12

2 Cor. 7:8-12

1 Pet. 1:17-21

Lk. 16:13

Lk. 6:20-23



Proverbs 4

²³ Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.

²⁴ Avoid all perverse talk; stay away from corrupt speech.

²⁵ Look straight ahead, and fix your eyes on what lies before you.



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²⁶ Mark out a straight path for your feet;
stay on the safe path.

²⁷ Don't get sidetracked; keep your feet
from following evil.



Your life will reflect what
you do with these
four elements of direction.



Mastering 4 Essential Elements of Direction

1. Guard Your Heart. V.23

Proverbs 4:23 (KJV)

23 Keep thy heart with all diligence;
for out of it *are* the issues of life.



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What do I
want more than anything
else?



Psalm 37:4 (KJV)

Delight thyself also in the Lord and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.



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2. Watch Your Mouth. V.24

Proverbs 4:24 (KJV)

24 Put away from thee a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee.



Proverbs 4:24

Avoid all perverse talk. Stay away from corrupt speech.



Luke 6:45

“What you say flows from what is in your heart.”



Proverbs 10:19

Too much talk leads to sin. Be sensible and keep your mouth shut.



Mastering 4 Essential Elements of Direction

3. Fix Your Eyes. V.25

Proverbs 4:25 (KJV)

25 Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eyelids look straight before thee.



Proverbs 4:25

Look straight ahead, and fix your eyes on what lies before you.



Philippians 3:13-14

I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I press on to reach the end of the race...



Where you fix your eyes
determines what your
life becomes.



Hebrews 12:1-2 (NIV)

Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith ...



Turn your eyes upon Jesus

Look full in his wonderful face

And the things of earth

will grow strangely dim

In the light of his glory and grace.



Mastering 4 Essential Elements of Direction

4. Point Your Feet. V.26-27

Proverbs 4:26-27 (KJV)

26 Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established. **27** Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil.



Proverbs 4:26-27

Mark out a straight path for your feet;
stay on the safe path.

Don't get sidetracked; keep your feet
from following evil.



Proverbs 4:26 (KJV)

Ponder the path of thy feet.



You'll never have that which matters most until you're willing to master each step.



Mastering 4 Essential Elements of Direction

1. Guard Your Heart

2. Watch Your Mouth

3. Fix Your Eyes

4. Point Your Feet

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Your heart. Your mouth.

Your eyes. Your feet.

Master these four elements of direction, and your life will become all that God has promised it can be.



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