NEW BEGINNINGS

(2 Corinthians 5:17)

- Introduction: 1. At this time of the year, we often find ourselves making evaluations of ourselves and new commitments.
 - 2. This of course, is commendable (2 Corinthians 13:5).
 - 3. More important than the inventory we take concerning many temporal things, is the spiritual inventory we need to take.
 - 4. This lesson is designed to stir us to think about our spiritual condition.

I. Take Inventory Of Your Spiritual Condition

- A. Are you saved or lost?
- B. (Matthew 16:26).
- C. (Acts 2:36-38).
- D. (Acts 8:12-24).
- E. (Hebrews 10:26-31).

II. Take Inventory Of Your Spiritual Growth

- A. Bible Knowledge (2 Peter 3:18; 2 Timothy 2:15).
- B. Evangelism (Matthew 28:19-20; James 5:19-20).
- C. Benevolence (2 Corinthians 9:6-7; 8:12).
- D. Commitment (Galatians 2:20; Matthew 6:33; 22:37-38).
- E. Fruits Of The Spirit (Ephesians 5:22-23).

III. Taken Inventory Of Your Spiritual Goals

- A. We need to set goals—if you aim at nothing, you'll hit nothing.
- B. (Colossians 3:1-2).
- Conclusion: 1. What do you intend to make of this new year God has given you?
 - 2. If you intend to use it to His glory and honor, then why not begin today?