

## Believers Will Pray In 2017!!!

I believe that God chose to give man the knowledge to calculate time. Consider animals: they have no ability to know if they are living in 2017 or in 1876. God created us in His image and in His likeness.

Why do you think we get so excited about going into the New Year? I believe God showed me the answer.

When Adam and Eve sinned in the garden, they started living a life that was flawed. Whenever a new year comes around, some people put the old mistakes they made in the previous year behind them; and they look to the New Year as a year of change. It's almost like they have a bright future again.

If you are a Christian, you should never wait till the end of a year to put your sins and mistakes behind you. We should daily take inventory of our life. If we have blown it, we can do this verse...

1 John 1:9 KJV If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

We don't have time in 2017 to wait till 2018 to get things corrected; do it daily and move on with God. If you don't have a consistent prayer life, that is the first thing you must get corrected. God has many things He wants us to accomplish. However, He must be able to share them with us before we are able to do them. I do my best daily to have at least one hour of one-on-one time with God. Jesus said that if we prayed for one hour a day we would not enter into temptation. Let's look at that verse.

Matthew 26:40-41 KJV And He cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour? [41] Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

We need God to lead our lives in 2017. I believe that many Christians think they are being led by the Holy Spirit, but they are mistaken. How can this change? Prayer, prayer, and more prayer! When we start praying daily, I know that the devil will not be controlling our lives.

This last week I heard of a Christian that had been really angry for a long time. I asked the Lord what was wrong. The Lord said, "I Am love." God told me that if this person was spending time with Him in prayer, He would not enter into the temptation of being angry. He told me that if this person would pray, God's love would destroy the anger. The Lord told me this powerful truth: He said, "Just because I was born sinless doesn't mean I couldn't sin. If I hadn't spent time praying to my Father, I would have sinned."

When He said this to me, I was stunned! Jesus would have sinned, IF HE HADN'T PRAYED! Jesus also told me that spiritual laws, when kept, will keep us. The spiritual law of praying 1 hour kept Jesus from sinning.

If you don't know whether or not I'm right about this subject, I challenge you to watch Jesus praying to His Father in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Jesus finished the mission He was assigned to do because He prayed.

This New Year we will pray, and God will shock the world by His power flowing through us. I once again challenge you to pray with us at the Church house [Monday through Friday at 6:15 am](#), or if you're not able to come, find yourself a place to get alone with God and pray.

Love you,

Pastor Paul

