



Preparing for the New Year – Part 2
Psalm 127

1. The secret to purpose in life, achievement, along with contentment, is found in a **growing** relationship with **Jesus as Lord**.

- Ps 127:1, 2

Deut. 30:19-20 I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore **choose life, that you and your offspring may live, ²⁰ **loving the LORD your God**, obeying his voice and **holding fast to him**, for he is your **life and length of days, ...**" (ESV)**

Rev. 22:17 The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." **And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires** take the water of life without price. (ESV)

**2. The Scripture calls us to choose –
in myself or in **Jesus -- as Lord!****

- **1 Kings 18:21**
- **Josh 24:15**

- 1 Ki. 18:21 And Elijah came near to all the people and said, "**How long will you go limping between two different opinions?** If the LORD is God, **follow him**; but if Baal, then **follow him.**" And the people did not answer him a word. (ESV)

- **Jos. 24:15** And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, **choose this day whom** you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will **serve the LORD.**" (ESV)

3. We are called to **discipleship, not just believers in Jesus.**

- **Ps. 127:1**
- **1 John 2:6**

And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. (Lk. 9:23 ESV)

Amos 5:11-12 Therefore **because you trample on the poor** ..., you have built houses ..., **but you shall not dwell in them**; ...¹² For I know how many are your transgressions and how great are your sins-- you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and **turn aside the needy in the gate.** (ESV)

Next Step.

1. Accept a 30-days with Jesus challenge.

1. Beginning 1/1/20 spend daily time in Scripture.