

# **MAKING THE MOST OF THE NEW YEAR**

January 3, 2010

**II Corinthians 4:2-18**

## **HOW TO LIVE IN 2010...**

### **1. LIVE WITH INTEGRITY.**

*“Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to every man’s conscience in the sight of God.” II Corinthians 4:2 (NIV)*

**Remember this about integrity ...**

- I am being watched
- I will reap what I sow
- Dishonesty damages my character

*“The integrity of the honest keeps them on track.” Proverbs 11:3 (Mess)*

### **2. LIVE WITH HUMILITY.**

*“Proud people will be ruined, but the humble will be honored.” Proverbs 18:12 (NCV)*

*“But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.” II Corinthians 4:7 (NIV)*

*“Our message is not about ourselves. It is about Jesus Christ as the Lord. We are your servants for His sake.” II Corinthians 4:5 (GW)*

### **3. LIVE WITH SPIRITUAL RENEWAL**

*“We often suffer, but we are never crushed. Even when we don’t know what to do, we never give up. In times of trouble, God is with us, and when we are knocked down, we get up again.” II Corinthians 4:8-9 (GW)*

*“This is why we are not discouraged; Though outwardly we are wearing out, inwardly we are renewed day by day.” II Corinthians 4:16 (GW)*

*“You are my place of quiet retreat; I wait for your Word to renew me.” Psalm 119:114 (Mess)*

#### **4. LIVE WITH AN ETERNAL FOCUS.**

*“For our present troubles are quite small and won’t last very long. Yet they will produce for us an immeasurably great glory that will last forever!”  
II Corinthians 4:17 (NLT)*

*“So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.” II Corinthians 4:18 (NIV)*

*“I have done my best in the race, I have run the full distance, and I have kept the faith. And now there is waiting for me the victory prize of being put right with God, which the Lord... will give me on that Day.” II Timothy 4:7-8 (TEV)*