

## Choosing a Better Year

*Get It Started – Part 1*

*“In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps.”*

Proverbs 16:9 (NIV)

### To choose a better year...

*(Philippians 3:12-14)*

#### ...I must take responsibility for my life.

*“Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on...” vs. 12 (NIV)*

*“Each person must be responsible for himself.” Galatians 6:5 (NCV)*

#### ...I must leave the past behind.

*“Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal...” vs. 13b (NIV)*

*“Forget the former things; do not  dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing!” Isaiah 43:18-19 (NIV)*

#### ...I must stay focused on what matters most.

*“No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing...” vs. 13a (NLT)*

*“Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.”*

Matthew 6:33 (NLT)

#### ...I must act now.

*“I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me...” vs. 14a (NIV)*