

Living Everyday 24/7, in Light of Eternity

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MISSION-MINDED

2012

**Seeking God ... for the Next 7
7 days, 7 weeks, 7 months, 7 years, 70 years**

**A New Year's Prayer Guide for Seeking God's will
for a MISSION-MINDED Life!**

**prayer-focus, family life, total-surrender,
vision, dreams, ideas, evaluation, goals,
destiny, mission, purpose**



Focusing on God's MISSION

Each of us are **UNIQUE**, with special talents, gifts, personalities, and desires, created in God's own image, to know Him and to glorify Him. Our lives will look different, but we're ALL called to focus on God's Greatest Commandment and God's Great Commission.

God's Great Commandment: LOVE God, LOVE Others!

Matthew 22:37-29 - Jesus said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

God's Great Commission: Share God's LOVE!

Matthew 28:19 - "Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations . . ."

Mark 16:15 - "Go into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature . . ."

Luke 24:47-48 - "And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations. . . And you are witnesses of these things."

John 20:21 - ". . . As the Father has sent Me, I also send you."

Acts 1:8 - "...and you shall be witnesses unto Me, in Jerusalem, and in Judea, and in Samaria, and to the uttermost parts of the earth."

"The Great Commission is not an option to consider, but a command to obey."

--Hudson Taylor, Missionary to China

"Why should anyone hear the gospel twice, before everyone has heard it once?"

--Oswald J. Smith, Missionary Evangelist

"Missions is not just for missionaries. God's call is for all!"

--Jon & Ann Dunagan, *The Scarlet Cord* - Nothing But the Blood of Jesus



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Seek God ... for a Mission-Minded 2012

Welcome to your FREE New Year's Prayer Guide!

This mission-minded guide is a journaling tool to help you consider highlights and challenges of 2011, as you look ahead to 2012. Seek God's direction for your 24/7 daily, weekly, monthly, and yearly time management. Look at your short-term, mid-term, long-term, and life-long goals, along with God's eternal perspective as you seek His will. As you take time to commit this next year to the Lord, you may want to consider setting aside a personal retreat for prayer and/or fasting.

After Christmas or during the first few weeks of January is an effective time for yearly reflection and projection. In an attitude of prayer, look back over the concluding year and consider what areas of your life were most fruitful and rewarding. Consider weaker areas in which you need increased discipline or accountability, and seek God for His specific goals and plans for your future.

Keep your answers in a place where you can review them during the year. Sometime during the summer, complete another evaluation/alignment check-up to refresh your commitments and goals.

7-part New Year's guide

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Step 1 - Looking back at 2011

7 Reflection Questions:

1. GOALS - ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Looking back, what goals and accomplishments did I achieve or meet in 2011?
Personally, what was most rewarding or fulfilling?

2. LIFE HIGHLIGHTS

What will be the top "special" personal or family memories and/or "highlight" of 2011?

3. CHALLENGES

In 2011, what area of my life was the most frustrating or difficult? What challenges or did I overcome? What would I have done differently (if I had known what I know now)?

4. ESTABLISHED RELATIONSHIPS

As I consider the people in my life - immediate family, parents, siblings, friends, extended relatives, church family, neighbors, people I work with - what are strengths and weaknesses of this past year?

Step 1 - Looking back at 2011

5. NEW PEOPLE

What people did I meet in 2011? Who do I know better? How have these new people impacted my life so far?

6. DEVOTIONAL LIFE

How was my relationship with God this past year (Bible, Prayer, Worship, Church Fellowship, Devotional Life, Obedience)? Did I GROW and mature spiritually in 2011?

6. GOD'S MISSION

Did I participate in expanding God's Kingdom this past year, in 2011? Was I a good example to others? Did I talk to anyone about the Lord? Did I pray or care for the lost? Did I help or encourage people and ministers who are expanding God's kingdom? Did I give to help share the Gospel? Most importantly, did I do what God wanted me to do?

Step 1 - Looking ahead to 2012

7 Projection Questions:

1. **GOALS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS:** What are God's goals for 2012?

What goals will I focus on in 2012? Is there anything GOD wants me to do in 2012?

2. **LIFE HIGHLIGHTS:** What special memories will I make in 2012?

What special memories will I make in this next year? Are there special events coming in 2012? (Consider family milestones, church events, vacations, potential mission trips, special celebrations, weddings, graduations, anniversaries . . .

3. **CHALLENGES:** What challenges will I overcome in 2012?

Are there any unhealthy habits or time commitments that I want to change, or know I *should* change? What major challenges or problems could I seek God for help with? How will I change, or seek help, to overcome these?

4. **ESTABLISHED RELATIONSHIPS:** What relationships will I focus on in 2012?

What relationships will I focus on in 2012? Do I need to make any relationship changes to keep my life in God's will? Are any relationships having a negative impact on my life?

Step 1 - Looking ahead to 2012

5. NEW PEOPLE: Who will I get to know in 2012?

Who do I want to meet or learn from in 2012? (consider also learning from others through books, social media, or audio/video teachings). Who do I admire and respect? Who are the happiest people I know?

6. DEVOTIONAL LIFE: How will I grow closer to the Lord in 2012?

What is my plan for growing closer to GOD in 2012 (consider a BIBLE READING PLAN, Bible study, Daily Devotion, Prayer, Worship, Church Fellowship, Ministry, Obedience)?

7. GOD'S MISSION: How will I help to expand God's kingdom in 2012?

How will I help to expand God's Kingdom in 2012? What is my role in God's Great Commission? How much money does God want me to give in 2012 (to support my church, world missions, and the poor)? How will I become more mission-minded in 2012?

Seven for Heaven! Write down the names of 7 people who need Jesus, for prayer and focus.

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2. _____
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Step 2 - 24/7 ALIGNMENT

MISSION-MINDED Alignment

How to use this “Alignment Check-up”:

If your life is feeling somewhat unbalanced of “out-of-whack” -- spiritually, mentally, or physically -- try using this alignment checklist. Don’t compare yourself with anyone, or allow yourself to become discouraged by your present situation. This check-up is simply a tool for personal evaluation. By taking an overall look at your life, you will see what areas of your current priorities need special attention, focus, and/or change.

For years, I have used these tools in my life, along with reviewing God’s calling and “mission” for our family (including a look at our ministry and personal life-goals, along with plans and ideas for the future. This check-up is ONLY to be used for a short season (perhaps for ONE WEEK -- and only once or twice a year -- similar to a six-month physical). This review will help you to review your overall balance, as you commit every area of your life to the Lord.

With God’s help, your entire life can become more balanced, healthy, and fruitful for His mission-minded purposes. Most likely, you’ll NEVER be able to do everything you expect of yourself, or everything others expect of you; however, if you “step into God’s grace” for your life and follow His daily guidance, and WILL be able to do everything GOD wants you to do (and that’s all that matters!).

God cares about every area of your life. He cares about your spiritual, mental and physical well-being. He cares about your relationships and your family. If you are a parent, he cares about each of your children, and about your parenting. He cares about your home-life and your friendships; and he cares about your ministry and your mission to others. God sees the WHOLE PICTURE of your WHOLE LIFE, and He has a divine balance for each day.

Divine Order for Each Day

An excerpt from *Extravagant Worship*, by Darlene Zschech

For years, I tried to juggle all the elements of life. I knew there was a God call on my life to be in ministry, and yet I also knew that it could never be at the expense of my family. When I tried to juggle all the boxes, I learned the hard way that it is difficult to keep them all from crashing down. So I no longer have boxes for marriage, ministry, and motherhood. Instead, God has shown me that there is a divine order for my life.

Instead of trying to make sure that everything is balanced (there is no prescribed formula of balance), God showed me that I am to break out of the box mentality and instead seek Him for divine order for my life. Each day differs from the day before. The dynamics change, but the call on my life doesn’t. Marriage, motherhood, and ministry are all cohesively part of that call. God anoints us for our entire call.



Step 2 - 24/7 ALIGNMENT

Date: _____

• SPIRIT: spiritual life:

Did I read through the entire Bible during the last year? YES NO PARTLY

(I want to be purposeful in spending time with God -- daily renewing my spirit with God's HOLY SPIRIT)

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PRAYER: Am I investing time in PRAYER?
 BIBLE: Am I investing time in GOD'S WORD (reading/study)?
 QUIET TIME: Do I have quiet time for WORSHIP/REFLECTION?
 LEARNING: Am I GROWING spiritually? Am I in FELLOWSHIP?
 OBEYING GOD: Do I do what God wants? Do I LISTEN to Him?

• SOUL: mind, will & emotions:

(I want to surrender my life completely to God...and renewing my mind, will, and emotions to God's ways.)

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MIND -- LEARNING: Am I reading and learning new things?
 MIND -- SHARING: Am I sharing what I know with others?
 WILL: Do I feel ORGANIZED? Does my life feel IN ORDER?
 WORDS: Do my THOUGHTS & SPEECH honor God and others?
 EMOTIONS: Do my emotions reflect the FRUIT of the SPIRIT?

• BODY: physical health:

My Current Weight: _____ Healthy Weight Range: _____ to _____

(My body is the temple of God's Holy Spirit and I want to present myself, in health, as His ambassador.)

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SLEEP: Am I getting enough SLEEP?
 AIR/WATER: Am I getting enough fresh AIR & WATER?
 FOOD: Am I eating HEALTHY and with MODERATION?
 APPEARANCE: Am I pleased with my current APPEARANCE?
 FITNESS: Am I at a healthy WEIGHT? Am I getting EXERCISE?

• family & home priorities:

(I want to live with God's passion and LOVE for others - including people at school, church, and the lost.)

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FAMILY PRIORITIES: Is "family" our priority, or the "urgent"?
 FAMILY UNITY: Do we work together as a family team?
 FAMILY COMMUNICATION: Do we talk & enjoy each other?
 FAMILY MEALS: Do we prepare & enjoy meals together?
 GODLY FAMILY LIFE: Is God's presence welcome in our home?

• organization & life management:

(I want my home and family life to radiate peace and purpose.)

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LIFE ORGANIZATION: Does my life feel in "order" or chaos?
 HOME CLEANLINESS: Does my cleaning/laundry routine work?
 HOME PEACE: Does my home life feel in "peace" or stress?
 LIFE PURPOSE: Does my life feel "fruitful" or lacking focus?
 ENJOYMENT: Am I living in GOD'S JOY or being too busy?

• work & resources:

Last Year's Annual Income: \$ _____ Last Year's Giving: \$ _____

(I acknowledge that everything belongs to God - my time, my money, my "stuff," my life, my future.)

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GIVING (TITHING TO GOD 10%): Do I consistently tithe?
 FULFILLMENT: Do I feel purposeful in my work, or unfulfilled?
 TIME MANAGEMENT: Do I work hard & smart, or waste time?
 SAVINGS/INVESTMENT: Am I preparing for the future?
 HOSPITALITY/GENEROSITY: Do I share my "stuff" with others?

• ministry & mission:

(I want to live with God's LOVE for others, including people in God's kingdom & people who need Jesus.)

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PREPARATION: Am I PREPARING for eternity & God's future?
 SERVICE: Am I serving in my local church or my community?
 OBEDIENCE: Do I say YES to God's plans (& NO to striving)?
 LOVING OTHERS: Am I reaching out to share Jesus?
 MISSIONS: Am I helping to fulfill God's GREAT COMMISSION?

Mark an "X" on each line to indicate your personal current evaluation of each area.

<-- No ----- Sometimes ----- Yes -->

Step 2 - 24/7 TIME MANAGEMENT

Last Night -- # hours of SLEEP: _____

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WHERE DOES TIME GO?

Don't just "wonder" where your time goes . . . FIND OUT!!!

Print out several copies of this page, and keep a detailed record of your daily life habits for several days throughout a typical week.

Be sure to write EVERYTHING down.

Time yourself on the computer and while watching TV or videos, and BE HONEST. (This is a similar exercise to journaling everything you eat in order to evaluate your eating habits).

- Where are you wasting time?
- What areas do you want to change?
- Are you using your time wisely?
- Are you getting enough SLEEP & REST?
- Are you living in God's balance - Spiritually, mentally, physically?

My Notes / Thoughts:

24/7

Step 3 - Weekly Priorities

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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SHORT-TERM EVALUATION: Take a look at your commitments - and specifically, focus on the upcoming 7 weeks as you seek the Lord's direction for your schedule and plans.

PRINT 4 copies of this page to use throughout the first half of this year.

My Notes & Thoughts:

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Step 4 - Monthly Goals

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MID-TERM EVALUATION: As you seek the Lord's direction, look at the next 7 months, noting important "milestones" such as graduations, birthdays, holidays, and family events. What are your hopes and dreams? How can you prepare so these moments are special, yet not stressful?

My Notes & Thoughts:

7
months

Step 5 - Long-term Goals

7 -The Number of Completeness & Fulfillment!

In the Bible, the number 7 signifies completeness. Our God is a God of ORDER and TOTAL FULFILLMENT. He wants our lives to be full of purpose and life, and JOY, without stress or striving -- and to GLORIFY HIM!



Did you know there are 7 notes in a musical scale... (A,B,C,D,E,F,G)?

Did you know there are 7 primary colors in a rainbow... (Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Indigo, Violet)?

Did you know there are 7 continents in the world?



Where do you want to go in the next 7 years? (circle a few places on the map)

7 long-term goals I would like to accomplish within 7 years (by the end of 2019)

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years

Think of 7 things you are most THANKFUL for. What brings you JOY?

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Consider your life and your future.

Where do you see yourself in 7 years?

How old will you be in 7 years? _____

What do you want to experience? What are 7 long-term goals?

Part 6 - LIFE-LONG MISSION

7 - The number of fulfillment!

In 70 years, your life on earth could be over. Think about the purpose for your life, the future marriage and family you hope to have, and what your life will look like from eternity. How are you fulfilling God's Great Commission?

70

years

7 LIFE-LONG GOALS

"my bucket list"

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

Walt Disney's MISSION is to make people happy.

Google's MISSION is to gather all the world's information and provide free access to everyone.

FamilyLife's MISSION is "winning the world, one family at a time."

WHAT IS YOUR MISSION IN LIFE? WHAT IS YOUR FAMILY MISSION?

Jesus told us the Greatest Commandment is Love God, and to Love others. And He gave us His Great Commission to "go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature" and to "go and make disciples of all nations."

As Christians, and MISSION-MINDED believers, the Great Commission and the Great Commandment will be a part of our life MISSION and purpose. We need to live with ETERNITY in mind, focused on God's CROWNS.

In one sentence, what is your life MISSION? Consider your unique gifts, desires, and passions, as you seek God for His specific purpose for your life.

My MISSION in life is to _____

Part 7 - REST & DEVOTION

7 - The number of REST!

On the 7th day of creation, God rested.

In the Ten Commandments, God established the Sabbath Day.

Without legalism, remember that God established a day of rest for our spiritual, emotional, and physical benefit. As a principle, having a weekly day of rest, along with a daily Quiet Time for devotion and worship is important for maintaining order and balance in our lives. It can be helpful to establish a specific TIME and PLACE for daily devotions (It's helpful to decide the night before, and have your Bible ready in a special "quiet time spot"). Regular times of retreat and fasting are also vital, along with commitment to a local church family.

What are your thoughts about REST, WORSHIP, & DEVOTION?

What is your plan to stay "self-feeding" in God's Word and in Fellowship with Him?

My commitment to REST & DEVOTION in 2012

signed: _____ date: _____

ENCOURAGEMENT: One small church did a marathon Bible Reading. Members took turns reading the WHOLE BIBLE out-loud for 15-20 minutes at a time. It only took 72 hours to read through the Bible.

What is your plan in 2012 to read, study, and to memorize God's Word?

Recommended One-year Bible-Reading Plan:

A one-page pdf file to PRINT OUT:

<http://www.bible-reading.com/bible-plan.pdf>

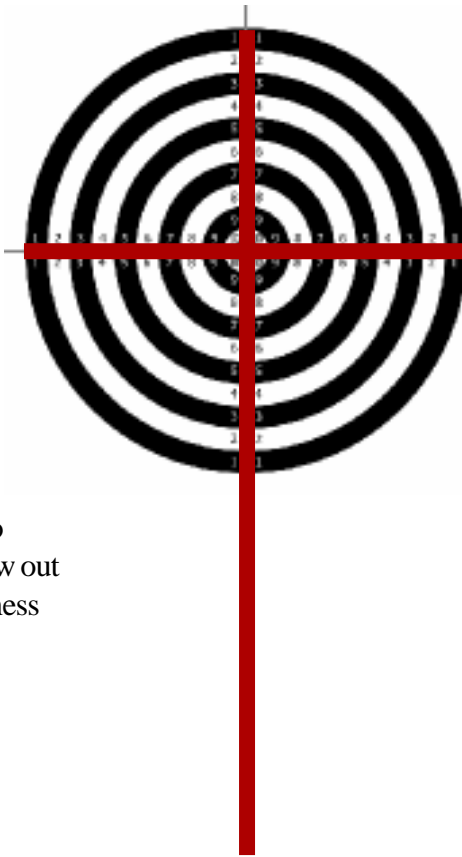
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FOCUS

Imagine the 3 central “bulls-eye” circles as the core driving-force impacting every area of your life:

1. YOUR SPIRIT controlled by God’s Holy Spirit in the very center.
2. YOUR SOUL (your mind, will, and emotions) submitted to God’s will and direction.
3. YOUR BODY (your health, eating habits, and fitness).

As you bring these central areas into God’s order, everything else will flow out in divine order and eternal effectiveness



Imagine the larger circles all flowing out of God’s order and alignment.

4. FAMILY & HOME PRIORITIES
5. ORGANIZATION & LIFE MANAGEMENT
6. WORK & RESOURCES
7. MINISTRY & MISSIONS

As everything is in God’s order, each of the areas of your life will be more fruitful and focused.

Living in the flesh

vs.

Living in the spirit

Not my way . . .
Not striving . . .
Not what I do . . .
Not basing “self-worth” on my works . . .
Not frustrated by my weaknesses . . .
Not “fearing man” . . .
Not just busy . . .
Not controlled by my feelings . . .
Not being selfish . . .
Not living in the flesh . . .
Not stressed and in internal turmoil . . .
Not living for the temporal . . .

but God’s way
but abiding in Christ
but Who I know (God)
but relying on God’s grace
but needing God’s strength
but “fearing God”
but fruitful and obedient
but flowing in the fruit of the spirit
but thinking of God and others
but walking in the spirit
but living in peace and in rest
but living for eternity

*Psalm 46:10, Proverbs 16:1-3,9, Ephesians 5:10, Proverbs 29:25-26, Galatians 5:22-26
Ephesians 2:8-10, Isaiah 26:3, II Corinthians 12:9-10, Ephesians 4:32, John 15:4-16,
Duet. 6:6-8, Colossians 3:2, I Corinthians 13, Mark 16:15*