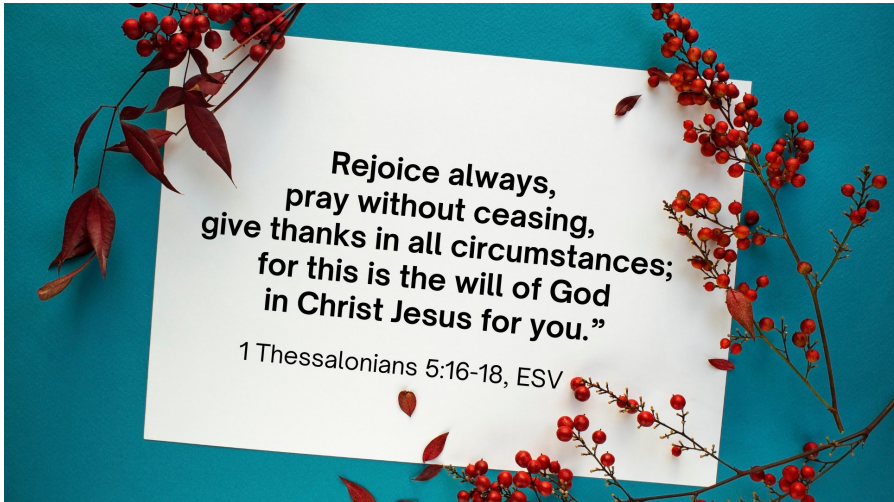




DEVOTION FOR THE WEEK

Year-End Reflections



In a matter of weeks, 2023 will come to a close! As we look back at the year that has passed, I wonder what comes to your mind. For some of us, reflecting on this year brings a smile to our faces as we recall with thankfulness God's grace and comfort during the difficult moments, as well as His wisdom and strength to accomplish for His glory what He has laid upon our hearts. For some of us, 2023 was marked with a sense of regret as we remember missed opportunities, damaged relationships, or unaccomplished goals.

As I personally reflect on 2023, I ask the Lord for grace to be able to do 5 things before the year comes to an end.

1. Release Regrets

Firstly, I ask the Lord for His grace to release the regrets for the past year. Certainly, there were mistakes made and there were things that could have been handled better. However, instead of wallowing in regret for things that can no longer be changed, I pray that I will receive His grace to learn the necessary lessons from the mistakes made, and continue to grow in those areas.

2. Reconcile Relationships

Secondly, I ask the Lord for His forgiveness for the people I have wounded in this past year. I also ask for His favour as I seek forgiveness from those whom I have hurt, and work towards reconciling those damaged relationships.

3. Redeem Lost Time

Thirdly, I ask the Lord for His strength to complete what needs to be done for the year that is still outstanding. Although 2023 is almost over, I pray for His enabling to finish up what I can before the year ends.

4. Re-align Priorities

Fourthly, I ask the Lord for wisdom to re-align the priorities in my life in such a way that would reflect His priorities. By doing so, I can live out the new year in a manner that will honour Him and not repeat the mistakes of this year.

5. Rejoice with Thankfulness

Finally, I ask the Lord for a heart of thankfulness. As I seek to do the 4 things mentioned above, may it not be out of a sense of duty, but rather from a heart that yearn to live a Christ-centred, Gospel-centred life in 2024 with joy and thankfulness from Him!

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