

December 27, 2009
The Best is Yet to Come

Psalm 128:1-4

The Best Year Begins with the Right Kind of Fear- The Fear of the Lord.

Proverbs 1:7 – “Fear of the LORD is the foundation of true knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline.”

The fear of God means to recognize who God is, to care about what He thinks and to do your best to become what He cares about.

I. Single Adults and Students: give yourself to what God cares about to get His best in 2010.

1. **Give** yourself unreservedly to God to get His best in 2010. 1

Corinthians 7:32-35

2. **Give** yourself to the Word to be deepened and grow deep in your faith.

Colossians 3:16-17

3. **Give** yourself to the Family to become a vital part of what God cares about.

Psalm 68:6

II. Husbands and Fathers: love unselfishly and lead compassionately to get God's best in 2010.

1. **Love** your wife the best you can, and you will get God's best.

Colossians 3:19; Ephesians 5:25

a. **Talk** with your wife to let her in to your life.

b. **Listen** to your wife so that she knows you want to understand her. 1 Peter 3:7

c. **Honor** your wife by being loyal to her and placing her first in your priorities.

Ephesians 5:31

2. **Live** your faith authentically and lovingly by letting the Spirit control you. *Colossians 3:21; Galatians 5:22-23*

3. **Lead** your family by setting the spiritual tone of the home and making decisions that benefit the family and glorify God.

III. Wives and mothers: renew, respect and reveal to your family God's character to get His best in 2010. *Psalm 128:3a*

1. **Renew** your dependence on God's love and grace for you. 1 Peter 3:4-5

2. **Respect** your husband by relating to him in ways that feel respectful.

Colossians 3:18

a. Your husband feels respect by how you speak to him.

b. Your husband feels respect by how you appreciate him.

c. Your husband feels respect by how you give your heart and body to him.

Song of Solomon 7:10-12

3. **Reveal** Christ's ministry of life, nourishment and connectedness to your family.

IV. Kids: choose to be productive and honorable contributors to the family to get God's best in 2010. *Psalm 128:3b; Exodus 20:12;*

Colossians 3:20

1. **Bring** joy, not shame, to your parents by choices you make.

2. Be open and honest with your parents in a respectful way.

The best is yet to come, and 2010 can be your best year ever. Fear God, care about what He cares about, and commit yourself to becoming all He wants you to become in the year to come.