**Proverbs 19 (Ephesians 2)**

**START THE YEAR OFF RIGHT**

**FUNNY –** Somebody said, “Why keep being disappointed about your New Year’s Resolutions? Why not make resolutions you can keep like, “I’m going to gain 20 pounds” or “double my debt.”

1. **WE ONLY HAVE ONE SHOT TO START THE YEAR OFF RIGHT**

**Proverbs 19:21 (NKJV)** There are many plans in a man’s heart, Nevertheless the Lord’s counsel—that will stand.

* **(ESV)** Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the Lord that will stand.

1. **GOD ALREADY HAS A PLAN**

**Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)** For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

**Ephesians 2:10 (NKJV)** For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

1. **ALL OF GOD’S PLANS ARE FINISHED**

**Hebrews 4:3 (NKJV)** … I swore in My wrath, ‘They shall not enter My rest,’ ” although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.

1. **SO OUR JOB IS REALLY TO “DISCOVER” HIS PLANS**

**Proverbs 25:2 (NLT)** It is God’s privilege to conceal things and the king’s privilege to discover them.

**Ephesians 5:10 (NIV)** … find out what pleases the Lord.

1. **HOW DO WE DO THAT?**

**Jeremiah 33:3 (NKJV)** ‘Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.’

**James 1:5 (CEV)** If any of you need wisdom, you should ask God, and it will be given to you. God is generous and won’t correct you for asking.

**John 15:5 (NKJV)** … without Me you can do nothing.

**Luke 6:47–49 (NKJV)** Whoever comes to Me, and hears My sayings and does them, I will show you whom he is like: **48** He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock. **49** But he who heard and did nothing is like a man who built a house on the earth without a foundation, against which the stream beat vehemently; and immediately it fell. And the ruin of that house was great.”

1. **A FEW SECRETS**
   1. **Establish a pattern of reading your Bible EVERY DAY**

**Proverbs 4:20–22 (NKJV)** My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings. **21** Do not let them depart from your eyes; Keep them in the midst of your heart; **22** For they are life to those who find them, And health to all their flesh.

**Job 23:12 (NKJV)** … I have treasured the words of His mouth More than my necessary food.

**EX – Our Bible reading plans**

* 1. **Ask God to teach you to pray without ceasing**

**1 Thessalonians 5:17–18 (NKJV)** pray without ceasing, **18** in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

**Matthew 7:7 (NKJV)** “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

* 1. **Write what God says to you**

**Habakkuk 2:2 (NKJV)** Then the Lord answered me and said: “Write the vision And make it plain on tablets, That he may run who reads it.

* 1. **Pursue it consistently with all your might**

**Ecclesiastes 9:10 (NLT)** Whatever you do, do well. For when you go to the grave, there will be no work or planning or knowledge or wisdom.

**EX — ROLES & GOALS**

**LAST SEASON’S ROUTINE IS AN ENEMY OF THIS SEASON’S ASSIGNMENTS**