



As You
Travel in
2020!

Observations

- We are now in the February of the New Year
- The Holidays are over, Christmas presents have been opened, some returned to the store, and everybody is already back to work/school
- New Year's Resolutions have been made/broken
 - *"I'm going to be more active in church"*
 - *"I'm going to get my finances in better condition"*
 - *"I'm going to get in better shape"*
- There is an Old Irish New Year's Toast:
"May all your troubles in the coming year be as short as your New Years Resolutions"



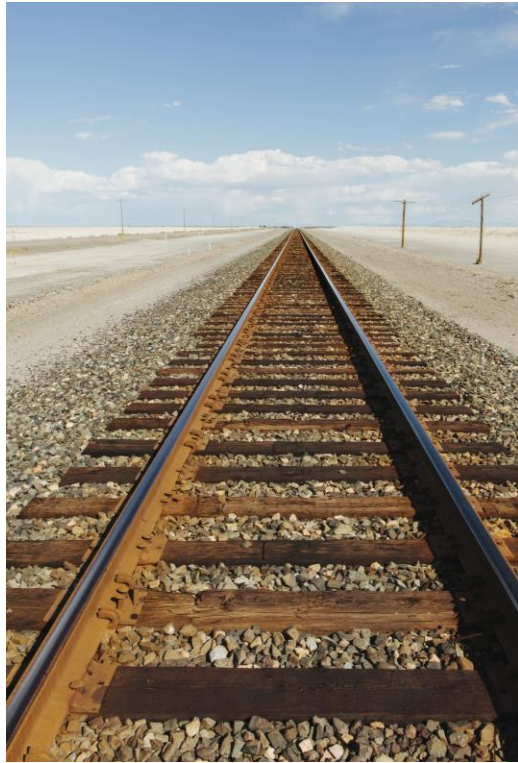
As You
Travel, Ride
With
Biblical
Priorities
For 2020!

*"I can do all things through Christ
who strengthens me."*

Philippians 4:13

If The Apostle Paul Can Pen These
Words To The Philippian Church
While In Prison, This Should Give
Me A Better Spiritual Perspective
On Handling The Problems In
My Life

*We Need Some Of What Paul
Had!*



Three Biblical Priorities To Travel With In 2020!

#1 Forget About Yesterday

*“Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended (not there yet); but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”
Philippians 4:13*

“I don’t punish myself for my past mistakes in my present activities!”

Paul Had
Caused a Lot
Of Hurt That
Could Have
Haunted
Him in His
Ministry,
If He Had
Let It!

- He literally had worked *against* God for years (an activist against Jesus)
- He had separated families, jailing many Christians
- He had given the “*consent,*” to arrest and execute Christians

We Have a Past!

- Drugs and Alcohol have damaged many of our relationships
- Children born due to sexual improprieties (*living too fast*)
Didn't know M.→O.→G.
- A violent past, with theft and physical abuse
- Failed academically, out of laziness, not lack of competence

Recent Cornell Study: Common Things Adults Regret After 50!

- Cheating on Spouse (one of the biggest)
- Rebellion as a teenager
- Quitting school (the more education, the more options you have)
- Not wisely choosing a career (this one was #2)
(It's difficult to change careers as you get older)
- Who they married (this one was #3)
- Not saving enough money (B.M.I. Syn.)
Buy-Money-Impress
- Worrying about things that never happened or you can't control

With God's
Help:

**Never Let The Person
You Were, Determine
The Person You Are,
Or The Person You
Will Become!**

- 2 Corinthians 5:17
- Galatians 2:20
- 1 John 1:7-9 *"The 3 three ifs"*

Priority #2 for 2020

Renew Your Strength Daily

- One reason we eat physically every day is that our bodies require daily nourishment to sustain them
- Could one reason we are spiritually weak be, because of starvation?
- Your spirit needs food like your body does
- Where Can I get spiritual food?





We Get Spiritually Strong By:

- Meditating on God's word (1Peter 2:2)
- Being encouraged by brothers and sisters of like mindedness (spending time)
- Praying Always - Ephesians 6:18 (and watching)
- Being involved in church ministry (working out for Jesus Christ)
Spiritual Exercise

“But reject profane and old wives’ fables, and exercise yourself toward godliness. For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come.”

1 Timothy 4:7-8



This is Why We Do It!

“For to this end we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. These things command and teach.”
1 Timothy 4:10-11

- **“Godly work-outs” can be challenging, 2 Timothy 3:12**
- **“Godly work-outs” takes sacrifice, Matthew 16:24,25**
- **But the results are wonderful and glorify God, Matthew 5:16, Psalms 1**

Priority #3 For 2020

Act On The Promises of God!

- **There is no substitute for faith and obedience**
- **God is pleased when we trust in His promises and act on His commands**

“But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.”

Hebrews 11:6

**“Living
Your Best
Life” Is
Defined By
God**

- **Let the Bible define what true worship to God means,
John 4:24, John 17:17**
- **Let the Bible define what vain worship means,
Matthew 15:7-8**

***A Religious Organization Cannot
Worship God In Its Own Way And
Be Accepted!***

- **Cain, Adams first son, tried worshipping God in his own way, and it was not accepted.
Hebrews 11:4, Romans 10:17
(true worship to God follows His instructions)**

The Plan Of Salvation

Hear the Gospel

1 Corinthians 15:1-4

Believe the Gospel

Acts 15:7

Repent of Sins

Acts 17:30

Confess Christ

Acts 8:37

Be Baptized

Galatians 3:27