

## TAKE A GOOD LOOK

### Philippians 3:13, 14, 19

**Introduction:** How fast time flies by. A new year has already gotten started and before we know it, it will be mid summer and then fall and then winter and then the end of this year that has just started and we will be right back here again wondering where the year went. Since we can't go back and redo some things, let's take a good look at this past year and try to look into this new year.

#### I. LET'S TAKE A LOOK BACK AT THIS PAST YEAR

1. Take a look at those things that we were pleased with.
2. Take a look at those things that we never got finished.
3. Take a look at those things that made us sad and unhappy.
4. Take a look at those things we'd like to do over.
5. How does the past year look, over all?

#### II. LET'S TAKE A LOOK AHEAD AT THIS NEW YEAR

1. A fresh, new year is here.
  - A new year full of opportunities.
  - A new year full of unknowns.
2. Let's learn from this past year.
  - Let's not repeat some of those things that we did last year that we regretted later.
  - Let's do better in some other things we should have done better than we did.
  - Let's do some NEW things, get out of the rut.

#### III. LET'S DETERMINE TO BE EVERYTHING GOD WANTS US TO BE (Philippians 4:4, 13)

1. No matter what the cost is, let's be everything God wants us to be.
2. No matter where we have to go, let's go.
3. Whatever change we must make, let's make that change.
4. Whenever God calls us, let's be ready and respond immediately.

#### CONCLUSION:

1. God gives us life, bit by bit and we cannot relive any of it but are accountable for every second of it.
2. Let's have a better "this year" than we did this past year, allowing the Lord to do the leading.