



Isaiah 43:18,19<sup>18</sup>"The Lord says,'Do not cling to events of the past or dwell on what happened long ago.<sup>19</sup>Watch for the new thing I am going to do. It is happening already - you can see it now!'" (GNB)





A lot of people make New Year's resolutions but by the middle of January they have already forgotten their resolutions.

It seems that our memory isn't as good at some things as it is with others.







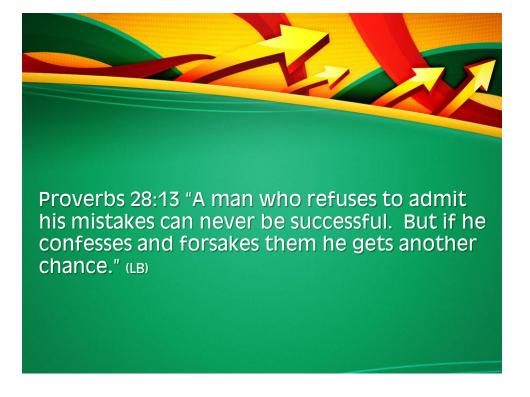
If you want a new you then you will need to be honest with yourself.

You must know your strengths and your weaknesses so that you can improve upon both.



Winston Churchill: "Success is the ability to go from failure to failure without losing your enthusiasm."







If you want a new you, it is important that you stop making excuses for your failures, stop blaming other people and stop seeing yourself as the victim of your circumstances.



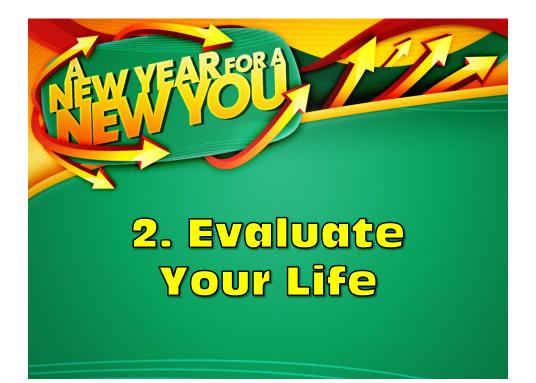


Henry Ward Beecher: "A Christian is nothing but a sinful man who has put himself to school for Christ for the honest purpose of becoming better."



Proverbs 24:10 "If you fall to pieces in a crisis there wasn't much to you in the first place." (Message)







If you want a new you then you will need to regularly evaluate your life so that you can learn from every experience.



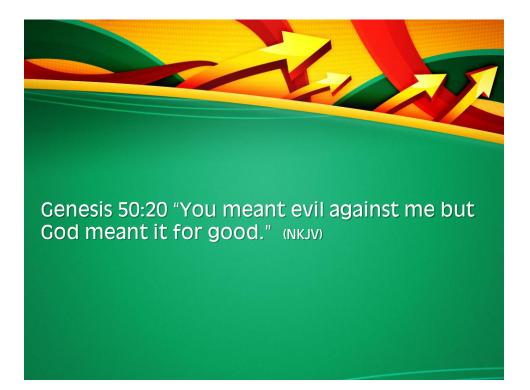
Galatians 3:4 "You have suffered so much for the Good News. Surely it wasn't in vain, was it? Are you now just going to throw it all away?" (NLT)

Life will sometimes be difficult and we will encounter seasons of suffering but those times are never in vain.



Romans 8:28 "We know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose." (NKJV)

When you evaluate your life, you will discover that God is working in the good times and in the bad times because He is always in control!







Eleanor Roosevelt: "You gain strength, courage and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face (and) say to yourself, 'I have lived through this horror. I can take the next thing that comes along.'"





If you want a new you then you need to have some faith to believe that God can make the difference.

And then, you need to step out in faith.



Proverbs 24:16 "Even if good people fall seven times they will get back up again." (CEV)

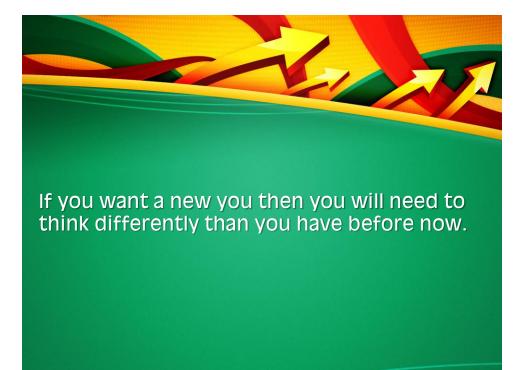
Sometimes our lives have been so difficult and discouraging that it's hard to believe that they will ever improve. In fact, it's often easier to have faith that they'll get worse than it is to believe that they'll get better!



John 5:8,9 <sup>8</sup>"'Rise, take up your bed and walk.' <sup>9</sup>And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed and walked." (NKJV)

You can have faith that God can do anything. But, in addition to believing, you also need to step out in faith.







Ann Landers: "The Lord gave us two ends - one to sit on and the other to think with. Success depends on which one we use the most."





2 Corinthians 10:4,5 <sup>4</sup>"The weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, <sup>5</sup>casting down imaginations and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ." (NKJV)

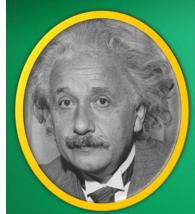


Watch your thoughts, they become your words.Watch your words, they become your actions.Watch your actions, they become your habits.Watch your habits, they become your character.Watch your character, it becomes your destiny.

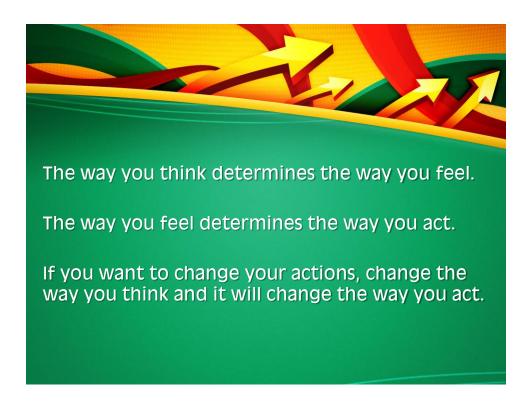


## Proverbs 4:23 "Be careful how you think. Your life is shaped by your thoughts." (GNB)





Albert Einstein: "We can't solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them."





Psalm 90:17 "Lord, may Your blessings be upon us. Give us success in all we do." (GNB)

We must depend on God for success and we cannot afford to think that we can do this by ourselves!



In 2012, you will have 12 months or 52 weeks or 365 days or 8,760 hours or 525,600 minutes or 31,536,000 seconds to become the new you that you may have only dreamed about becoming...so go for it!

## The big idea

Be honest with yourself
Evaluate your life
Step out in faith
Think differently



