

Next Steps: Let's do something different this year. Let's make some Great Commitments that have their foundation in God's will for our lives. If we know God wants us to do these things, we know God will give us the strength to succeed. Are we ready and willing to make some Great Commitments for a Great Year? The choice is entirely up to us.

Read back through the Scripture passages associated with each of the four commitments from Sunday's Sermon and reflect on the questions:

Philippians 3:13-14

What are some things in your past that have too much weight in your life today? They could be things that you consider very positive. They could be things that are very negative... but you are tethered to them. What does God want you to do with your past? What does God want you to put your emphasis?

Colossians 3:12-13

How do we "bear with each other?" Are there some people in your life you need to forgive? How can we forgive people when they have done so much damage in our lives?

Romans 12:16-21

How can we live at peace with everyone? What is our responsibility when relationships are hurting and/or broken? What are some practical things we can do to rebuild relationships?

Romans 6:11-14

Too many people seek to have one foot in both worlds. One foot in the world of "wickedness" and one foot in the world of "righteousness." Why is this impossible? Making the right commitment here will impact the other three commitments.

Next Week: Another Great Commitment to make at the beginning of the year is to do everything in your power to make Sunday morning worship a top priority. "Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching." Hebrews 10:23-25