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Notes:

Kick-off for 2017: THE YEAR OF HOPE
NEW YEAR'S DAY:
BECOMING BEST FRIENDS WITH GOD

"Draw close to God, and God will draw close to you." James 4:8a

"We were restored to friendship with God by the death of His Son while we were still His enemies, so we will certainly be delivered from eternal punishment by His life. Now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God--all because of what our Lord Jesus Christ has done for us in making us friends of God." Romans 5:10-11

Jesus: "I no longer call you servants. Instead, I call you My friends!" John 15:15

HOW TO DEVELOP A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

I. _____ knowing God my #1 _____

"Everything else is worthless compared with the priceless gain of knowing Christ Jesus. I've discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I may know Christ." Philippians 3:8

"You will find Me when you seek Me with all your heart." Jeremiah 29:13

II. _____ down and be _____

"Be still and know that I am God." Psalms 46:10a

"Friendship *with the Lord is reserved for those who reverence Him. With them He shares the secrets of His covenant." Psalm 25:14*

III. _____ whose friendship you want _____

"You should know that loving the world is the same as hating God. Anyone who wants to be a friend *of the 'world' becomes an enemy of God." James 4:4 (NCV)*

Jesus: "You are My friends *if you obey Me." John 15:14*

IV. _____ an ongoing _____ with God

"Never stop praying." 1 Thessalonians 5:17; Philippians 3:10 (AMP)

V. _____ God in your _____

"Give your burdens to the Lord, and He will take care of you. He will not permit the godly to slip and fall." Psalm 55:22

"So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time He will lift you up in honor. Give all your worries and cares to God, for He cares about you." 1 Peter 5:6-7

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