

# New Year Decisions

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## **“Be followers of God!”**

*(Ephesians 5:1)*

God has revealed Himself in the Bible through several characteristic Names. Each Name has a particular emphasis as we understand it from the context.

In response to the Biblical call to “be followers of God,”

we can take appropriate decisions relating to these Names.

These are given in the alphabetical order with the number of occurrences in parenthesis.

I have picked up only a few verse references for each Name. Do turn to them.

### **(1) God of Comfort (1)**

*2 Corinthians 1:3-5*

I DECIDE to comfort those in suffering and problems with the same comfort I received from God when I went through difficult times.

### **(2) God of the Fathers**

(a) God of our Fathers (7)

*2 Chronicles 20:6,12*

I DECIDE to depend on the power and might of God instead of my own strength when I face threatening situations.

(b) God of their Fathers (20)

*2 Chronicles 36:15,16*

I DECIDE to take seriously God’s warnings which come to me through His messengers lest I come under His anger and be destroyed without remedy.

(c) God of your Father (9)

*1 Chronicles 28:9*

I DECIDE to follow and serve God with a loyal heart and a willing mind knowing that He searches my heart and understands all the intent of my thoughts.

(d) God of your Fathers (16)

*2 Chronicles 29:1-6*

I DECIDE to cleanse my life and my Church throwing away all rubbish which is obnoxious in the sight of God.

### **(3) God of all flesh (3)**

*Numbers 16:22*

I DECIDE to give myself to holy intercession before God so He might not consume all the people just because of a few rebels.

**(4) God of Glory** (2)

*Acts 7:2 (Hebrews 11:9,10)*

I DECIDE to loosen my attachment to earthly goods  
and set my mind on the glorious things of eternity.

**(5) God of gods** (5)

*Deuteronomy 10:17,18*

I DECIDE to show no partiality between the rich and the poor,  
but do all that's possible to bless the fatherless, widows, foodless and clotheless.

**(6) God of Heaven** (23)

*Ezra 5:11; Nehemiah 1:4,5; 2:4,20*

I DECIDE to commit myself to the rebuilding of the broken lives  
of individuals, families and Churches instead of criticizing them.

**(7) God of Hope** (1)

*Romans 15:13*

I DECIDE to be optimistic amidst uncertainties with the enablement of the Holy Spirit,  
and experience joy and peace through faith on God.

**(8) God of Hosts** (4)

*Psalms 80:7,14,19*

I DECIDE to wait daily before God for a personal revival, renewal and restoration,  
and not try secular substitutes to make up deficiencies.

**(9) God of Israel** (201)

(This Name occurs more number of times than any other.)

*1 Kings 8:23*

I DECIDE to keep the promises I've made to God,  
my spouse, family, friends and fellow-workers as God is faithful to His covenant.

**(10) God of Justice** (2)

*Isaiah 30:15-18*

I DECIDE to rest on God with quietness and confidence  
and not try to run ahead of Him who alone can vindicate me.

**(11) God of the Living** (3)

*Luke 20:38 (Acts 17:28)*

I DECIDE to constantly remind myself of the fact  
that it is in God that I live and move and have my being.

**(12) God of Love** (1)

*2 Corinthians 13:11*

I DECIDE to live in peace with everyone and endeavour to maintain harmony at home, in the neighbourhood, in the Church and in the workspot through the reconciling love of God in Christ.

**(13) God of Patience** (1)

*Romans 15:5-7*

I DECIDE to be ever grateful to God for His patience towards me and in turn accept my fellow-believers, just as they are, in order to spread His Gospel with one-mindedness.

**(14) God of Peace** (5)

*Romans 16:20; 1 Thessalonians 5:23; Hebrews 13:20,21*

I DECIDE to stay with joyous expectation that my God would ultimately lead me to smashing victory, total sanctification and absolute perfection.

**(15) God of Salvation**

(a) God of my Salvation (7)

*Habakkuk 3:17-19*

I DECIDE to keep rejoicing in God for the gift of eternal Salvation even amidst earthly losses and physical sickness.

(b) God of our Salvation (6)

*Psalms 85:4-7*

I DECIDE to cry unto God during dry spells in my life and ministry so He would visit me again with revival blessing.

**(16) God of Truth** (3)

*Isaiah 65:16*

I DECIDE to hate lying and exaggeration and keep a watch over my mouth so my words may be acceptable in God's sight.

Review these decisions periodically for self-examination. Do not be discouraged over failures. Get up and decide again. Be confident that God who has begun a good work in you would complete it until the Day of Jesus Christ (Phil 1:6).

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