

New Year Overhauling

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Self-examination to put things in order is the best preparation to enter the New Year. Spend a day or two exclusively for this exercise, using the following questionnaire.

1. Personal Life

Did I excuse myself of any secret sin last year?
Have I learnt any bad habits?
Did I ever grieve the Holy Spirit by defiling my body?
Did I yield my mind to evil thoughts and lustful desires?
Did I waste time in questionable pastimes?

2. Devotional Life

Did I neglect the daily quiet time?
Were there days when Bible reading and prayer were simply rushed through?
Was I irregular in fasting?
Did I harden my heart about anything God convicted me of?
Was I proud?

3. Family Life

Were there instances of unfaithfulness to my spouse during last year?
Did I neglect family prayer and other responsibilities?
Did I fail to spend sufficient time with my children?
Have I caused any relationship problem in the family?
Did I disobey my parents or talk back anytime?
Did I fail to help in the household chores?
Was I responsible for any unpleasantness at home?

4. Social Life

Did I ever fail to wear a smile before my neighbours?
Did I do tit-for-tat for any wrong done to me?
Did I try to overhear the conversations of others?
Was I curious to know what others were doing?
Was I unconcerned about the salvation of my neighbours?
Was I indifferent when someone was sick?
Was my tongue loose? Did I lie or exaggerate?

5. Workspot

Was I irregular or casual in my work anytime last year?
Did I disrespect or backbite my superiors?
Did I despise or abuse my coworkers?
Did I ill-treat my subordinates?
Did I steal anything from office or factory?
Did I murmur when a hard work was assigned to me?
Did I fail to set an example as a Christian?
Was I jealous over another staff?
Was there love of money and lust for things?
Was I dishonest in business?

6. Country

Did I forget the national leaders in my prayers?
Did I disrespect the rights of others in travels and public facilities?
Did I cheat the government in tax-payment and the like?
Did I violate any civil law?

7. Church

Did I neglect Church?
Did I reject any godly counsel?
Has bitterness entered my heart against any fellow-believer?
Did I fail to reconcile with the one I have wronged?
Did I criticize any servant of God rudely instead of praying for him?
Did I disrespect my pastor or any minister?
Did I ever manifest a better-than-you attitude?
Did I play a hypocrite?

8. Ministry

Did I feel lazy to go for evangelism?
Was I stingy in giving to God?
Did I fail to pray regularly for the lost?
Have I failed to keep my commitment to any Mission?
Did I neglect to help the poor and relieve the suffering?

9. For Students

Did I copy in the exam or adopt any malpractice?
Did I disrespect my teachers?
Did I speak lies or twist facts?
Was I rude to juniors?
Was I lazy?
Did I waste my parents' money?
Did I damage any property of the institution?
Did I silence my conscience to please my friends?
Did I read or watch filth?

10. For Women

Did I covet masculinity in my dress or hairstyle or behaviour?
Have I neglected home-making?
Did I fail to happily accept my husband's leadership? Did I hen-peck?
Did I gossip and reveal secrets?
Was I dissatisfied with God's provisions?

*An affirmative answer to any of these questions indicates sin.
Sincere confession brings cleansing by the Blood of Jesus.*