

Try This Uncommon Approach to Embark on Your Next Spirit-Led Year

At the beginning of each new year, we tend to make goals for ourselves that we would like to accomplish. And a couple of years ago, someone taught me to think of three words to describe my personal goals for the coming year. But as a Christian, I took this message to a deeper level and brought the challenge before the Holy Spirit, and I am asking you to do the same.

This past month had been so busy that I forgot to ask the Holy Spirit for three new words for this coming year, but last night, Jan. 1, He reminded me to ask Him, and He brought it to my remembrance again this morning. So, I asked Him for three words that would describe His plans and purposes for me this new year.

Here are the three words He gave me:

1. Advance
2. Shipshape
3. Expansion

Then I looked up the definitions of each of these words and prayed in the Spirit over them. I will spend the next few days seeking God's wisdom concerning His direction for each assignment He has just given to me.

"Advance" means "to move forward, typically in a purposeful way." Synonyms for advance are move forward, proceed, press on, push on, push forward, make progress, make headway, gain ground, approach, come closer, draw nearer and near.

The definition of "shipshape" is "clean, neat, tidy,

organized, in good condition.” And this was a confirmation of a word Sid Roth gave to me the other week about getting my website and other means of communication in order before my interview airs to prevent my site from breaking down from the prospective heavy traffic that will come my way. And the Lord was speaking to me tonight about getting everything in shipshape order.

“Expansion” means “the act of growing or increasing, enlargement.” And synonyms for the word expand are to open up (unfold), open out (spread), to increase the extent, number, volume or scope of (enlarge).

So, now I have God’s main direction for me this coming year. And everything I do has to agree with His plans for me.

Now, I will spend these next few days searching the Word for further insight, allowing biblical examples to bring clarity to God’s plans and purposes for me this year.

I fully believe God desires for us to understand His will for our lives. And His Word tells us in James 1:5, “If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without criticism, and it will be given to him.” {eoa}

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