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Where Will I Be In Another Year?

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With the beginning of a calendar year there is always a tendency to look back — and to look forward. Evaluations are made in regards to our financial status, our career pursuits, and other important matters. Surely it is appropriate to evaluate our spiritual welfare.

Ask yourself this simple question: **If I keep doing what I am presently doing, where will I be in another year?**

Will I be a stronger Christian because I am doing things that will help me grow in Christ (2 Peter 3:18)? Or, will I be weaker as a result of continuing to ignore the most important things in life?

Will I be a better Bible student? Will my knowledge of the Word have increased through regular and consistent study? Or, will I still be only wishing that I knew my Bible better?

Will I have brought any lost soul to the Lord through a committed effort to teach others? Will I have invited folks to visit the assemblies, or encouraged them to have a private Bible study? Or, will I only be giving lip-service to the whole notion of personal work?

Will I improve in my ability to react to life's provocations in a godly and controlled manner? Will I be displaying more of the "divine nature" (2 Peter 1:4) as I deal with people and problems? Or, will I still be easily provoked and often fail as trials and temptations are placed before me?

Will I have broken that "bad habit" that has nagged me for so long? Or, will I still be offering lame excuses and trying to convince myself that "I can't"?

Will my example be stronger? Will others begin to recognize dependability in me? Will I be constantly striving to do all I can as a disciple (1 Corinthians 15:58)? Or, will I be counted as only a "lukewarm" Christian (Revelation 3:15-17)?

If I keep doing what I'm presently doing, where will I be in another year? Or, more to the point, where will I be in eternity? Think!