



Preparation for a New Year

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READING: Luke 1

Zechariah and Elizabeth are described as being "upright in the sight of God, observing all the Lord's commandments and regulations blamelessly." What an awesome and challenging description of their lives and walk with God!

They certainly were not perfect, as Zechariah's response to the angel of the Lord demonstrates, yet God worked through their lives to fulfill His purposes. Perfection in obedience will never be true of our lives this side of eternity, yet we need to ask regularly, what is the direction of my life? Am I growing in obedience to all that the Lord has commanded?

Zechariah and Elizabeth's obedient walk with the Lord did not protect them from all challenges and problems of life. Verse 7 tells us they were unable to have children and were well along in years. A blameless walk does not automatically shield us from all problems in this life, but it does powerfully impact how we face the problems and challenges of life in a sin damaged world.

Seeking to walk blamelessly and obediently today helps prepare me for what God desires to do in and through my life today and in the future.

PRAYER: "Father, as I begin a New Year, help me set my heart to walk in trust and obedience to You, even if at times it seems impossible. I can do this only through Your enabling grace at work in my life."

TOMORROW'S READING: Luke 2

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