

## A STELLAR APPROACH FOR THE NEW YEAR

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### I. WHAT STRATEGY CAN I USE TO MAKE THE MOST OF THE NEW YEAR?

#### S.T.E.L.L.A.R.

*“<sup>16</sup> So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won’t be doing what your sinful nature craves...<sup>25</sup> Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit’s leading in every part of our lives.” Galatians 5:16 & 25*

#### 1. S \_\_\_\_\_

*“<sup>15</sup> But despite Jesus’ instructions, the report of his power spread even faster, and vast crowds came to hear him preach and to be healed of their diseases. <sup>16</sup> But Jesus often withdrew to the wilderness for prayer.” Luke 5:15-16*

#### 2. T \_\_\_\_\_

*“<sup>15</sup> So be careful how you live. Don’t live like fools, but like those who are wise. <sup>16</sup> Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. <sup>17</sup> Don’t act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do.” Ephesians 5:15-16*

*“<sup>7</sup> Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. <sup>8</sup> For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. <sup>9</sup> Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? <sup>10</sup> Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? <sup>11</sup> If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!” Matthew 7:7-11*

*“<sup>5</sup> If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking. <sup>6</sup> But when you ask him, be sure that your faith is in God alone. Do not waver, for a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind. <sup>7</sup> Such people should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. <sup>8</sup> Their loyalty is divided between God and the world, and they are unstable in everything they do.” James 1:5-8*

#### 3. E \_\_\_\_\_

*“<sup>1</sup> And so, dear brothers and sisters,<sup>[a]</sup> I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.” Romans 12:1*

*“<sup>14</sup> Wait patiently for the LORD. Be brave and courageous. Yes, wait patiently for the LORD.” Psalm 27:14*

*“<sup>22</sup> The seed that fell among the thorns represents those who hear God’s word, but all too quickly the message is crowded out by the worries of this life and the lure of wealth, so no fruit is produced.” Matthew 13:22*

*“<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us.” Hebrews 12:1*

*“<sup>9</sup> We can make our plans, but the LORD determines our steps.” Proverbs 16:9*

*“<sup>19</sup> Now repent of your sins and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped away.” Acts 3:19*

*“<sup>8</sup> “My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts,” says the LORD. “And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. <sup>9</sup> For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts.” Isaiah 55:8-9*

#### **4. LL** \_\_\_\_\_

*“<sup>14</sup> For God speaks again and again, though people do not recognize it. <sup>15</sup> He speaks in dreams, in visions of the night, when deep sleep falls on people as they lie in their beds. <sup>16</sup> He whispers in their ears and terrifies them with warnings.” Job 33:14-16*

*“<sup>19</sup> Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry.” James 1:19*

*“<sup>19</sup> Now repent of your sins and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped away.” Jeremiah 29:13*

#### **5. A** \_\_\_\_\_

*“<sup>22</sup> But don’t just listen to God’s word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. <sup>23</sup> For if you listen to the word and don’t obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. <sup>24</sup> You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like. <sup>25</sup> But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don’t forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it.” James 1:22-25*

*“<sup>15</sup> If you love me, obey my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. <sup>17</sup> He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth.” John 14:15-17*

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*“<sup>20</sup> For the Kingdom of God is not just a lot of talk; it is living by God’s power.” 1 Corinthians 4:20*

*“<sup>59</sup> He said to another person, “Come, follow me.” The man agreed, but he said, “Lord, first let me return home and bury my father.” <sup>60</sup> But Jesus told him, “Let the spiritually dead bury their own dead! Your duty is to go and preach about the Kingdom of God.” <sup>61</sup> Another said, “Yes, Lord, I will follow you, but first let me say good-bye to my family.” <sup>62</sup> But Jesus told him, “Anyone who puts a hand to the plow and then looks back is not fit for the Kingdom of God.” Luke 9:59-62*

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*“<sup>7</sup> for we walk by faith, not by sight.” 2 Corinthians 5:7*

#### **6. R** \_\_\_\_\_

*“<sup>23</sup> Then he said to the crowd, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me.” Luke 9:23*