My Spiritual Inventory for 2016

And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.

Philippians 1: 6 NLT

A spiritual inventory can be a valuable tool in helping us know where we want to grow in our faith by understanding where we have been.

First, read through the statements/questions on this page and then spend some time in prayer allowing God to reveal to you what he saw in you for 2016. Remember you are looking at the year in its entirety, not just today. Sometimes I find starting a letter to God helps me in determining where I am.

Use a scale of 1 to 10 to indicate where you see yourself. Very Satisfied = 5, Satisfied = 4, Neutral =3, Dissatisfied = 2, Very Dissatisfied = 1, N/A = Void

In the last year -

- My relationship with God/Christ has grown closer?
- My knowledge of God's Word has increased?
- My prayer life has been active?
- Each day I have a habit of spending time with God?
- I take the time to be still with God and listen?
- I serve others, in and outside of the church?
- I regularly say, "yes" to God and "no" to sin?
- I memorize scripture to hide in my heart?

Was there something (a lesson or truth) that God revealed to me in 2016?

"Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts!

And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me
in the way everlasting."

Psalm 139:23-24 (ESV).

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My Spiritual Goals for 2017

"For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope."

Jeremiah 29:11

Seek the Lord in prayer. Discover what it is God wants for you this year. Now with God's direction, determine the steps you need to take to reach this new spiritual goal. Writing out your New Years Prayer might be helpful.

Of course, sometimes it's hard to know what it is God wants for us. However, God would rather see us pursuing a spiritual goal that might need to be adjusted, rather than doing nothing at all. Each of us can make a huge impact for God's Kingdom. Perhaps this worksheet can be a tool to help God work through you.

Questions to Ponder:

- What is God's plan for me this year in regards to a "Spiritual Goal"? What does he want from me or for me?
- What action steps will I take in 2017 to make this goal happen?
- What verse will I choose to inspire me to take my actions steps?

Remember becoming more Christ-like is a lifetime process. Setting small goals each year is an excellent way to move in that direction.

Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and your plans will succeed. Proverbs 16:3 (NIV)

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