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## 1976 Can Be The Best Year of Your Life

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1976 CAN BE THE BEST YEAR  
OF YOUR LIFE

*N.I.V.*

INT:

Phil. 3:1-16. A good text for 1976!

1975 is gone forever! CANNOT be relived, reclaimed, returned, retraced, brought back.

1975 is now: Memories, records & reports.

Biblical wisdom: V. 13. Forget '75. Forge ahead.

CARD: Prayer for 1976. St. Francis of Assisi.

LESSON: 3 ways to make 1976 our best: *GOD SAYS!*

I. RESOLVE TO KEEP LIFE SIMPLE. Vs. 13. One thing

A. One master: Matt. 6:19-24. God first.

B. One goal : Matt. 6:33-34. One day. *at a time!*

★ "Just for today I will try to live through this day only.

I will not tackle my whole life problem at one time.

I can do for 6, 8 or 10 hrs. what would appall me, if I felt I had to keep it up for a month, a year or a lifetime." *Jesus' life, simple. Paul's! Easier.*

C. One decision: Matt. 11:28-30. All else made

II. RESOLVE TO KEEP YOUR LIFE PEACEFUL. V. 14.

A. Fix your attitude pattern. Rom. 12:15-19.

B. Forgive others, past or present for your own soul's sake. Mk. 11:20-26. Prayer.

Ill. Jack Green. Bitter. Resentful. Not ready to forgive. Demanded other's repentance first! Did Jesus? Stephen? Paul? Cannot CONTROL others. CAN self!!

III. RESOLVE TO KEEP YOUR LIFE NOBLE. V. 15.

A. Takes work, effort, time and practice!  
Phil. 2:2-5.

Ill. Even GOD's NATURE exhibits God's nature of NOBLE-KINDNESS. Scouts visited Port Arthur Bird Sanctuary. Blue-jay had his beak clipped. Unable to capture its own food. Survived through aid of a *natural competitor.* Mocking-bird which brought it food.

B. ★ Rom. 12:9-10 reveals the highest power possible in any congregation or member!

Ill. Diff. in Kindness and Loving-kindness

6 yr. old explained it. Kindness: Bread & butter. Loving-kindness: When puts JELLY on it!

INV. SINNER FRIEND: What is the greatest  
resolution you COULD make in 1976?

Obey the gospel: Mk. 16:15-16.

We hope and pray that you will.

*THEN, KEEP LIFE: SIMPLE, PEACEFUL, NOBLE!*

SINNER-BROTHER or SISTER: What is the  
greatest resolution you could make in 1976?

Get back on the right path. I J. 1:9.

KEEP LIFE: SIMPLE, PEACEFUL &  
NOBLE.

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