

# NEW YEAR MESSAGE

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*Whatsoever thy  
hand findeth to do,  
do it with thy might*

*Ecclesiastes 9:10*

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**Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do,  
Do it with thy might;**

*For there is no work,  
nor device,  
nor knowledge,  
nor wisdom,  
in the grave,  
whither thou goest.*

*(Ecclesiastes 9:10)*



# LOOKING BACK ON LIFE

In a 2011 survey, nonagenarians (90+years) had only one question to answer:

***"If you had to do it all over again,  
what would you have done differently?"***

Top Answer # 1:

**"I would have taken more time out to smell the roses."**

Top Answer # 2:

**"I would have taken more risks."**

Top Answer # 3:

**"I would have put my time, energy and resources into  
things that would make a difference in this world."**

# G

## Gifts

(Talents, skills, capabilities)

# O

## Opportunities

(Unlocked doors, Open doors, Open spaces)

# D

## Determination

(Physical strength, Mental toughness, Spiritual zeal)

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*("Whatsoever thy hand...")*

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## Opportunities

*("Findeth to do...")*

# D

## Determination

*("Do it with thy might.")*

# GIFTS

- **Gifts are provided by God's grace and are given to members of the church to accomplish God's Will and to expand His Kingdom.**  
*God provides various gifts to individuals in the local church. (Eph. 4:12; 2 Tim. 1:6)*
- **God has given each one of us talents, skills, and capabilities that can be transmuted into Gifts for His Glory and are empowered by the Holy Spirit.**  
*God provides the gaps for us to fill with our gifts and nurture them! (1 Tim. 4:14)*
- **The Bible warns us not to bury our gifts, but to use them and expand them.**  
*Find a need in the local church and fill it for your gift to blossom. (Matt. 25: 18-28)*

# OPPORTUNITIES

(John 9:4; Galatians 6:10)

- God provides **UNLOCKED DOORS** we must dare to open by coming out of our comfort zones, to seek and to find *unknown* opportunities. (e.g.: Joshua)

*90+ Top Answer: "I would have taken more risks."*

- Many a time, we are faced with **OPEN DOORS** of *known* opportunities through which we can see the possibilities of making a difference in our own world.

*90+ Top Answer: "I would have put my time, energy and resources into things that would make a difference in this world."* (e.g.: Phil. 3:10-14)

- Often, there are *no doors*, but *unlimited opportunities* available to all when God provides **OPEN SPACES** that are free for everyone to explore. (e.g.: John 3:16)

*90+ Top Answer: "I would have taken more time out to smell the roses."*



# DETERMINATION

- **Gifts and Opportunities will remain idle and unused to deprive us and others of blessings, achievements, and progress without the dynamic of Determination.**  
*(Phil. 3:13-14; 4:13)*
- **Determination enables us to overcome our hesitations and trepidations and come out of our comfort zones to enable concrete, incremental achievements.**  
*(1 Cor. 14:12; Phil. 1:20)*
- **The Bible warns us repeatedly about lack of resolve in utilizing our gifts and opportunities through determination to zealously accomplish God's Will.**  
*(Titus 2:14; 2 Cor. 11:23-27)*

# G

**Gifts:** Personal, *but to be shared*

(Talents, skills, capabilities)

*"Whatsoever **thy hand**..."*

# O

**Opportunities:** Abounding, *and to be grasped*

(Unlocked doors, Open doors, Open spaces)

*"...**findeth to do**..."*

# D

**Determination:** Internal, *to be exercised by will*

(Physical strength, Mental toughness, Spiritual zeal)

*"...**do it with thy might!**"*

*"Well done, my good and faithful servant. Thou hast been faithful over a few things....I will make you ruler over many things."*

*(Matthew 25:21)*