



The Best is Yet to Come



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Two Principles for 2015:

Principle #1:

God wants to _____ us.

The heavens are Yours, the earth also is Yours; The world and all it contains, You have founded them. Psalm 89:11 (NASB)

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters. He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You have anointed my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and loving kindness will follow me all the days of my life, And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Psalm 23:1-6 (NASB)

1. **The Lord is _____ Shepherd. We are _____ sheep.**
2. **He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside _____.**

4 Conditions that Hinder Sheep from Rest:

- 1.) Being Hungry
- 2.) Relational Strife
- 3.) Fear
- 4.) Aggravation

• **He _____ my soul.**

Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but desire fulfilled is a tree of life! Proverbs 13:12 (NASB)

• **Thy _____ and Thy _____, they comfort me.**

- **He _____ a table for me in the _____ of my enemies.**
- **You have anointed my head with _____.**
- **Surely _____, _____ (God's unfailing love) and mercy will follow me all the days of my life.**

Principle #2:

God wants to _____ or _____ us.

You will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not frightened, for those things must take place, but that is not yet the end. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes. But all these things are merely the beginning of birth pangs. But the one who endures to the end, he will be saved. Matthew 24:6-8, 13 (NASB)

• **Be an _____.**

And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death. Revelation 12:11 (NASB)

3 Ways to be an Overcomer in 2015:

- 1.) **Set up a _____ to spend with God.**

After He had sent the crowds away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray; and when it was evening, He was there alone. Matthew 14:23 (NASB)

- 2.) **Have regular, weekly _____ with other Christians. (i.e. Small Groups)**

Not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near. Hebrews 10:25 (NASB)

- 3.) **Lay your life down by _____ your _____ with others.**

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth." Acts 1:8 (NASB)



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