



Newaygo County

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One Goal

For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever (1 John 2:16-17, ESV).

What is it that you desire for 2024? Whether or not you are the kind of person to get pumped up about a fresh new calendar, most of us hope that we can be a different person than what we are right now—physically, financially, spiritually, emotionally, or relationally. New Years' resolutions often epitomize our culture's tendency to chase after the self-improvements we think we must have. We believe "better" is out there, if only we set the right goals and carry them out.

Have you noticed our resolutions are often very ME-focused? It's all about making ME better for the sake of improving who I am so I can have a better quality of life. Our ambitions are not necessarily bad in and of themselves, but our motivations might be. In our drive to be healthier and more comfortable, are we even considering goals that align with the aspirations God might have for us?

The world tells us to live comfortably, be successful, do what feels right, and be happy. Why wouldn't you want to organize your life in such a way that you are getting more physically fit, driving a nice car, living in big house, and have high-paying job? While that could be part of our journey on Earth, if our greater goal isn't to be set up well for our time spent in Heaven with God for all eternity, than we have missed the mark.

My resolution for 2024, my one goal, is to live in light of eternity. The world is filled with desires of the flesh and desires of the eyes and pride of life. . . but this world, filled with its earthly desires, will pass away. Making God's desires my desires is what brings significance. With the end in mind, I want to walk in is His ways rather than my own. I want to make God's name renown above all else. I know that what matters most isn't the next big event, the next game, the next party, the next major life transition—but the billions of years after that.

I want the hope and promise of eternity with Jesus Christ, my Savior, to be so real and powerful that I am willing to align every aspect of my life according to His Truth. I no longer want to be entangled with the desires of this world that distract and keep me from living freely in the power of the Holy Spirit. I don't want to live in fear or strive to please others above my heavenly Father. I want to point others to Christ because of the love and transformative power He has had in my life.

My hope for each one of us in 2024 is to reflect on Isaiah 26:8, "Yes, Lord, walking in the way of your laws, we wait for you; your name and renown are the desire of our hearts." Let's make this one goal together—to live in light of eternity.

Traci Slager

We would like to express our deep gratitude to Sue Bosker for her years of service on our Love INC Board of Directors. May God bless you as you enter the next chapter of your life!

Thank you!

We would also like to welcome Steve Walmer as our newest member on the board. Thank you, Steve, for being willing to share your many gifts and talents with Love INC!



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Transformational Ministry Teachers

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