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### No Fear New Year!

#### Four Reasons to Have No Fear in the New Year

## 1. Have No Fear, God <u>ANSWERS PRAYER</u>.

But the angel said to him, "**Do not be afraid**, Zacharias, **for** your prayer is heard; and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. Luke 1:13

Zacharias' Two Prayer Requests ~ Luke 1:7, 13-17, 31

- > As a Priest he prayed for a **SAVIOR**.
- As a Husband he prayed for a <u>SON</u>.

#### Don't Be Afraid to Pray Expectantly

- ➤ Expect God to **ALWAYS** answer your prayers His way—not ours!
- > Expect God to answer according to His **ABILITY** —not ours!
- ➤ Expect God to answer in His **TIME** —not ours!
- ➤ Expect God to answer for His **GLORY** —our good & others salvation!

What do you need to STOP FEARING, so you can START PRAYING EXPECTANTLY?

## 2. Have No Fear, God gives MORE GRACE.

Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God." Luke 1:30

#### God Gives More Grace

- > <u>SAVING</u> grace for those separated from God by their sin. *Ephesians* 2:8-9; *Luke* 1:31-33
- <u>SUSTAINING</u> grace for those related to God, but struggling to obey. <u>Ephesians 2:10; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10; Luke 1:34-38</u>

#### Don't Be Afraid to Submit Humbly

Luke 1:38; James 4:6; 1Peter 5:5

What do you need to STOP FEARING, so you can START SUBMITTING HUMBLY?

## 3. Have No Fear, God has a PERFECT PLAN.

But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, **do not be afraid** to take to you Mary your wife, **for** that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit." Matthew 1:20

#### Don't Be Afraid to Obey Completely

Romans 12:1-2; Proverbs 3:5-6

- > **READ** God's revealed will daily.
- > **OBEY** God's revealed will completely.
- > TRUST God to reveal the details progressively!

What do you need to STOP FEARING, so you can START OBEYING COMPLETELY?

# 4. Have No Fear, God has <u>GOOD NEWS - IN CHRIST HE IS</u> FOR US AND NOT AGAINST US.

Then the angel said to them, "**Do not be afraid**, **for** behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people." Luke 2:10

Don't Be Afraid to Believe & Share Freely

What do you need to STOP FEARING, so you can START BELIEVING & SHARING FREELY?

It is NATURAL to fear the future
but it is SUPERNATURAL to put our trust in the Lord and not be afraid!
I WILL TRUST the LORD MORE in 2012
☐ I will <i>pray expectantly</i> like Zacharias!
☐ I will <b>submit humbly</b> like Mary!
☐ I will <b>obey completely</b> like Joseph!
☐ I will <b>share the Good News freely</b> like the Shepherds!