

LOOKING BACK TO MOVE FORWARD?

Part 2: Living On A Higher Level

PAUL: LIVING ON A HIGHER LEVEL

- A. Not afraid of the future **(Acts 20:22-24 NKJV)**
 - 1. None of these things move me
 - 2. He knew what was coming but was not thrown off
 - 3. High level of confidence in God's ability to take care of him **(2 Timothy 4:17-18 NKJV)**
- B. Not about self preservation
 - 1. Don't count my life dear to myself
 - 2. A great question for the year ahead **(John 3:30 NKJV)**
- C. Focused on his mission and purpose in life
 - 1. That I might finish my course/race with joy
 - 2. A powerful prayer for the coming year **(Colossians 1:9-11 NKJV)**
(Colossians 1:9-12 NLT)

PAUL'S TWO KEY THINGS **(Acts 20:32 NKJV)**

- A. Develop/strengthen our relationship with God
 - 1. Treat God as if He is real
 - 2. Talk with Him - prayer
 - 3. Honor Him **(Psalm 69:30 NKJV)**
 - 4. Declare who He is in our lives
- B. Spend time in the Bible
 - 1. The word of His grace
 - 2. God's word is essential for spiritual growth **(1 Peter 2:1-2 NKJV)**
 - 3. Paul understood the value of God's word for discovering God's grace
 - 4. These instructions can be coupled with Paul's instructions to Timothy **(2 Timothy 2:1 NKJV)**