

## NEW COMMITMENTS FOR THE NEW YEAR

Philippians 3:13-3:14

If you will make four commitments that God encourages you to make I guarantee you that the start of 2010 could become one of the most significant events in your life.

### 1: COMMIT YOURSELF TO \_\_\_\_\_ YOUR FAILURES

*"Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." Phil. 3:13-14 (NASB)*

God is here so that you do not have live your life imprisoned by your past.

What God's Word is saying is that we must not allow ourselves to be bogged down by our past failures. We can not dwell on our past because it will stop us from moving forward into the future that God has for us.

### 2: COMMIT YOURSELF TO \_\_\_\_\_ YOUR GRUDGES

*"bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you." Col 3:13 (NASB)*

God challenging you directly and personally to give up your grudges. That is what he means when he says forgive each other whatever complaint you may have against anyone.

Grudges are not just destructive they are also self-destructive. When you hold a grudge against someone you will hurt yourself as much and perhaps more than you will hurt the person you are holding it against.

### 3: COMMIT YOURSELF TO \_\_\_\_\_ YOUR RELATIONSHIPS

*"If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men."  
Rom2:1(NASB)*

Some relationships might have gone wrong in your life because of what other people have done and they might not want that relationship restored.

Some of our relationships have gone wrong because of what we have done.

### 4: COMMIT YOURSELF TO \_\_\_\_\_ ON YOUR TRANSGRESSIONS.

*"For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— because anyone who has died has been freed from sin." Romans 6:6-7 (NIV)*

When God says "Do not let sin control the way you live, do not give in to its lustful desires He is issuing the challenge to turn your back on your transgressions.

#### **Conclusion:**

It all boils down to this: Will this New Year be just a calendar changing event for you or are you willing to rise to these challenges from God's word and make these commitments and make this year a life changing event?