

## “Season Of Dreaming”



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Here we are at the time of year when many people are reflecting on this past year and looking at what they want done in the next year.

I have a question for you. As you think about events and goals for the new year, do you just consider what seems reasonable, or do you actually dream? If you do dream, do you dream BIG?

I realize some might say, “Someone as insignificant as me could never do anything extravagant, why should I try to dream like that?”

Something to remember: it is not all about you. I know that may sound harsh, but God put each of us on the earth to do some specific things to bring glory to him. Some of these things may seem unusual or impossible, but he has given us the dreams to do them for his glory. Joseph’s dreams were certainly unconventional, but they came from God. <sup>[a]</sup> Did Joseph reject them because they were unusual, or way beyond anything he himself could do, or because others rejected them? No, he believed all the more that they were from God and that they would come to pass. Remember, if something is

easy or, sometimes even plausible for you to do, then how can God get the glory for it?

Notes:

[a] Gen.  
37  
[b]

So, as you consider the next year, let me encourage you to dream. Dream BIG! Ask God what he wants to do through you. Keep in mind that the dreams God gives you may be part of an assignment he has given you. It matters not whether it is large or small. Also think back to some things that have been on your heart for some time but that you thought were too crazy or impossible. Please take the time and allow yourself to dream beyond you. After doing this and writing down this list, ponder it for awhile. Ask and see what the Lord will reveal to you about the result of your dreaming. This is just the first step in the exciting journey of how God can and will move and glorify himself through you and your dreams and your assignments.

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## “Revelation For 2011” (Teaching Sketch)

John 1:1-10

What will 2011 bring and how do we figure into God’s plan for the year 2011?

What do you expect to happen in your life in 2011? This I will tell you, it is highly likely you will experience whatever it is you expect. Because out of the abundance of your heart you will speak, what you speak, you will create! This is so very important to understand.

It is quite natural for us to look back at a year just passed and evaluate if we accomplished everything we had intended. It is just as natural to peer into the incoming year to see what it may bring. If we are unhappy with what we accomplished in the immediate year just passed, then perhaps we can learn something from this evaluation.

### Take A Good Look

If we take a good look at what we have accomplished over the past 12 months or so, it is easy to see we may have been relying far too much on ourselves and our plans rather than the Lord Jesus and his plans.

Notes:

[a]  
Matt.  
6:33-34  
KJV

[b]  
Isaiah  
55:8-9  
KJV

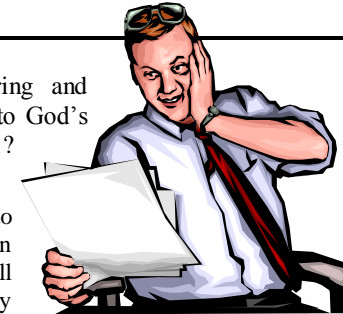
ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.” <sup>[a]</sup>

### Let's Be Honest

Let’s be honest, we probably know these words, penned for God, by Isaiah the prophet, “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.” <sup>[b]</sup>

We, however, may not behave as if these words by either Jesus or Isaiah take precedence over how we have learned to function in this world by this world’s system.

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Please note: This is a teaching sketch only and not the complete teaching.

## Scripture: John 1:1-10 (NIV © 1984)

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<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was with God in the beginning. <sup>3</sup>Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. <sup>4</sup>In him was life, and that life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood<sup>[a]</sup> it. <sup>6</sup>There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the

(NIV is employed here to allow English speakers around the world equal understanding of the words used.)

light. <sup>9</sup>The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world.<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him.

[a]

Or *darkness, and the darkness has not overcome*

[b]

Or *This was the true light that gives light to every man who comes into the world*

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NEW YEAR TO YOU!

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### Just so you'll know:

**Our service is informal.** We look to the Holy Spirit of God to guide us corporately and individually.

**Our service usually follows this general pattern:**

- **Informal sharing** of what we have seen the Lord do in, through, and around us since we last met.
  - Testimonies are often a part of the conversation.
- **Opening Prayer**
- **Praise & Worship** (*Offerings are placed in the basket at this time.*)
- **Words of Prophecy or Knowledge** if they have been given during "Praise & Worship" (other times as the Spirit moves).
- **The Pastoral Message**
- **Prayer Requests**
  - Ministry to those present & intercession.
- **The Blessing**

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The world's way is to teach people they must look out for number one, number one being ourselves. This flies directly into the face of what Matthew's record of what Jesus said "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

<sup>11</sup>It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up. (Eph. 4:11-12 NIV)

### Seeking The Things

It is very interesting to note the seeking of things is what is usually done first, then if there is any energy, money, or time left over there is consideration of what God wants and, in fact, expects. Seeking God first demonstrates beyond mere intent the true Lordship of Jesus Christ in our lives. Not to seek God first, after having said we would do so, is to turn our backs on God, in favor of our own way. Consequently, year after year may well prove to be empty of our intent, as we follow each new 12 months of our own plans and devices.

### Empty Words

We might be tempted to say our words of our plans were empty words. There are no empty words because we are made in the image and likeness of God! Moses tells us that in Genesis 1:26-28. We are likely to get out of life in 2011 what we be-

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lieve in our hearts because Matthew again records in Matthew 12:34b<sup>(KJV)</sup>, Jesus saying, "for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." We are beings, who are made in the likeness of the Creator, who live in a universe created by words. We create what we say, and mostly even Believers say what the world says so we get what the world gives to us in response. The Apostle Paul in Ephesians 5:18b-20 told us a secret to speaking he said, "but be filled with the Spirit; Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;" We must spend the 70% of our talk which is self talk on these things so we can overcome the worldly thinking.

### 2011 Revelation

The revelation I have been given for 2011 is we are to, "draw near to God and he and he will draw near to us,"<sup>(James 4:8)</sup> protecting us from the harsh things which are to come. If we do this, we will see the pain of the world but, it will not touch us. Doubt of God was planted in man in the Garden. Doubt comes from fear—FEAR NOT!