



How to Have the Best Year Ever December 31, 2022 & January 1, 2023

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As 2022 ends, ask this question, "Is my life rich and satisfying?"

The Greek word "Perissos" means super abundant, overflowing, fulfilling beyond description.

Why isn't my life super abundant? Because I have a REAL enemy.

His name is Satan.

5 Realities About My Enemy:

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Satan is a personal enemy.

1 Peter 5:8 (NLT)

Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour.

Luke 22:31 (NLT)

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Satan is personal, but he is not physical.

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For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.

So, stop hating people and start hating my actual enemy.

Psalms 118:24 (NLT)

This is the day the LORD has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.

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When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these.

4**Satan steals our joy and then robs us of hope.****1 John 3:8 (TPT)**

But the one who indulges in a sinful life is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God was revealed was to undo and destroy the works of the devil.

2 Peter 1:3 (TPT)

Everything we could ever need for life and godliness has already been deposited in us by his divine power. For all this was lavished upon us through the rich experience of knowing him who has called us by name and invited us to come to him through a glorious manifestation of his goodness.

5**Satan wants to destroy my life.****“He wants to steal, slaughter, destroy and devour .”****It takes a lifetime to build a great life and it takes one bad decision to destroy it.****Don't be arrogant Christians, who claim to be mature.
You are only one bad decision from immaturity.****Once I understand my enemy, I can prepare for the best year ever if I:**

1. Prepare for sneak attacks before they come.

John 10:1 (NLT)

“I tell you the truth, anyone who sneaks over the wall of a sheepfold, rather than going through the gate, must surely be a thief and a robber!”

Jesus knocks at the door, but the thief looks for vulnerable places to get in.

Satan sneaks into:

- **My thought life** – 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 (TPT)
- **My dating life** – 2 Timothy 2:22-23 (TPT)
- **My work life** – Ecclesiastes 5:19-20 (NLT)
- **My church life** – Hebrews 10:24-25 (TPT)

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Luke 22:31-32 (TPT)

“Peter, my dear friend, listen to what I’m about to tell you. Satan has obtained permission to come and sift you all like wheat and test your faith. But I have prayed for you, Peter, that you would stay faithful to me no matter what comes. Remember this: after you have turned back to me and have been restored, make it your life mission to strengthen the faith of your brothers.”

John 10:2-5 (NLT)

“But the one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep recognize his voice and come to him. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. After he has gathered his own flock, he walks ahead of them, and they follow him because they know his voice. They won’t follow a stranger; they will run from him because they don’t know his voice.”

John 10:7-9 (NLT)

...so he explained it to them: “I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me were thieves and robbers. But the true sheep did not listen to them. Yes, I am the gate. Those who come in through me will be saved. They will come and go freely and will find good pastures.”

Jesus can rebuild any life this year.

3. Trust in Jesus for salvation and the best year ever.

John 10:28-30 (NLT)

“I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them away from me, for my Father has given them to me, and he is more powerful than anyone else. No one can snatch them from the Father’s hand. The Father and I are one.”

Romans 8:37-39 (NLT)

No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us. And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God’s love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God’s love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.



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