

“The One Thing” – Part 2

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A. Review

- Making a New Year's resolution is a great way and time to make a positive change in your life's habits, whether it's going to the gym, waking up earlier, or saving your money, etc.
- According to a researcher approximately **50 percent of the population make resolutions each New Year.**
- **BUT**, according to U.S. News, **approximately 80% of resolutions fail by the second week of February,** even though the odds are against us, let's be in the 20% that achieve their goals.
- We gave everyone two assignments:
 - 1) Ask God for *the one thing* **you wish that He would do for you in 2018.**
 - 2) Ask God for *the one thing* **He desires of you for 2018.**
- Once you think you have **the one thing** God desires of you in 2018, you should:
 - 1) Ask God to **give you the necessary grace to change your way of thinking** that has created habits.
 - 2) Ask God to **give you the necessary grace to persevere to create the new habits.**
- **We called a twenty day congregational fast that started last Monday and ends on Sat., Feb. 3rd.**

B. Why do I believe that God wants me spending time on messages on “The One Thing”?

- **Because God wants to bless you abundantly!!!**

- **Ephesians 3:20** (20Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,)

- **Deuteronomy 28:1-14**

- **Jeremiah 29:10-13** (11For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.)

C. While you are seeking God on the two questions, I think He wants me to give you **four** main areas **that prevent Him from blessing us like He wants to bless us.** Today I will give **one** main area with two examples in that main area. The main area is:

- **An Unbridled tongue (not controlled or restrained).**

- **James 3:1-12**

- Two examples:

- 1) **James 4:11-12**

- 2) **Proverbs 18:8** (The words of a gossip are like choice morsels; they go down to the inmost parts.) [NIV]

❖ **Proverbs 26:22**

D. **Call the worship team up because for 2018, we want to end our service with a praise song each Sunday.**

E. **Closure**