

# GOD'S PLAN FOR YOU IN 2018

## I. KNOWING JESUS CHRIST – Colossians 1:15-21

He is God, the Creator, the Sustainer, the Savior, and the Head of the church.

## II. REMEMBERING YOUR SALVATION – Colossians 1:13-14, 21-22

You were redeemed from sin, reconciled to God, and rescued from the devil's domain and transferred to the kingdom of Jesus Christ.

## III. KNOWING GOD'S WILL FOR YOUR LIFE – Colossians 1:9

God has specific plans for your life, special work for you to do. Ephesians 2:10

## IV. YOU ARE TO BE PLEASING THE LORD -- Colossians 1:10, 3:23

You are to be serving God, to be working for God and pleasing Him.

## V. YOU ARE TO BE A MATURE CHRISTIAN – Colossians 1:28, 4:12

God's goal for you is to be complete, to be mature and grown up, and this is seen as you carry out God's will and do what He wants you to do.

## VI. THE GRACE OF GOD IS YOUR STRENGTH – Colossians 1:2

You need the grace of God to live for Him, and being humble is the means by which you receive this grace. 1 Corinthians 15:10

## VII. THE IMPORTANCE OF FAITH -- Colossians 1:4

Having faith means you are trusting and relying on God for His grace. It means you are depending on God instead of yourself. Hebrews 11:6-8

## VIII. BE LOVING PEOPLE – Colossians 1:4, 3:12-14

You are to be loving the people that God puts in your path and in your life.

## IX. THE NEED FOR HOPE – Colossians 1:5, 25-27

You need to be believing that God will bless you in the future, that you will be with Jesus Christ and the believers in heaven, and in a new body.

## X. THE HOLY SPIRIT IN YOUR LIFE -- Colossians 1:8

The Holy Spirit is your friend, and one who indwells you. You are to walk with the Spirit, be led by the Spirit, be comforted by the Spirit, and be empowered by the Spirit.

## XI. THE NECESSITY AND BLESSING OF PRAYER -- Colossians 1:9-11

Prayer is one of the primary means by which you have a relationship with God. This means praising God, thanking God, confessing your sins, and asking for help.

## XII. SUFFERING AND TRIALS WILL BE PART OF YOUR LIFE – Colossians 1:24, 2:2

Suffering is part of God's plan for your life. When you suffer, God will give you the grace you need, and you will then be a witness for Him. 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

XIII. THE WORD OF GOD – Colossians 1:25, 3:16

God's word needs to be spiritually dwelling and living in you. Psalm 1:2

XIV. THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING ENCOURAGED – Colossians 2:2

You will get spiritually weary, and you need to be encouraged by the word of God, the Spirit of God, the love of God, and the fellowship of the saints. Hebrews 3:12

XV. BEING UNITED WITH OTHER BELIEVERS – Colossians 2:2, 3:14

You can't make it on your own, you need to be united with other Christians.

XVI. KNOWING AND GROWING IN CHRIST – Colossians 2:2, 6

You have a relationship with Christ and you need to know Him and follow Him.

XVII. LOVE THE TRUTH AND STAY AWAY FROM ERROR – Colossians 2:8

There is bad doctrine, and you need to know what it is and avoid it. Ephesians 4:14

XVIII. KNOW THAT YOU ARE ALIVE IN CHRIST - Colossians 2:11-13

You are a child of God and alive in Christ, and are to live for Him. 2 Corinthians 5:17

XIX. DO NOT BE LEGALISTIC – Colossians 2:16-23

You are not to live by man-made rules, traditions and schedules, but are to hold fast to Christ, and are to walk with the Spirit.

XX. DO NOT BE WORLDLY – Colossians 3:1-4

Do not be worldly, but be seeking God, loving God and living for Him. 1 John 2:15

XXI. BE HOLY – Colossians 3:5-10

Say no to temptation and sin, and do what is right and holy. Hebrews 12:14

XXII. AS A FAMILY MEMBER, CARRY OUT YOUR ROLE - Colossians 3:18-21

A wife is to be subject to her husband, a husband is to love his wife, a child is to obey his parents, and a father is to not be too demanding of his children.

XXIII. BE A GOOD WORKER – Colossians 3:22-25

Work hard for God, knowing that He rewards you for your work.

XXIV. BE INVOLVED IN THE GOSPEL - Colossians 4:2-6

Pray for the lost, look for open doors, be gracious in your speech, and then with conviction, share the gospel with the people God puts in your life.

XXV. HAVE GOOD RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER CHRISTIANS – Colossians 4:7-15

Be loving, be faithful, be committed, be praying, be serving and be encouraging.

SEE TO IT THAT YOU COMPLETE THE MINISTRY  
YOU HAVE RECEIVED IN THE LORD... GRACE BE WITH YOU.  
Colossians 4:17-18