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HAPPY NEW YEAR

On New Year's Eve afternoon, I rushed to the grocery store to purchase a few additional items. I had already purchased the traditional New Year's dinner items including black eyed peas, but I wanted some chips and dip for when I returned home from church later that night. The noticeable hustle and bustle of people preparing for New Year's Eve and Day punctuated the air with excitement and anticipation. What should I do? Where should I go? What should I cook? With whom should I spend New Year's Eve? These were all subjects for discussion and conversation in the checkout line.

However, as the clock struck midnight and I realized how blessed I was to see another year, my thoughts turned towards the future. What will our individual lives become after we say "Happy New Year"? After we have enjoyed the culinary delights, blown the party horns, attended the parades, thrown the confetti, watched the endless football games, and made the New Year's resolutions, what newness will we bring into 2011?

to bring newness into 2011. II Corinthians 10:5 encourages us to "take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ." Not only will positive thinking help you bring newness into 2011, but also perseverance through prayer, faith, obedience and service. Consider Ephesians 6:18, Hebrews 12:1-2, Revelation 14:1-2, and I Corinthians 15:58. As we persevere and focus on positive thinking, then offer praise to God for what He has already done and will do in the future. Psalms 34:1 states, "I will extol the Lord at all times; His praise will always be on my lips."

I don't know what your plans entail for 2011, but my prayer is that you will bring newness into the New Year with **positive thinking, perseverance, and praise!**

Blessings upon the New YOU in the New Year!

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Let me challenge and encourage you to begin the New Year with **positive thinking, perseverance, and praise.** I offer the following scriptures to help you in this journey

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