

We miss out on the favor of God because we forget...

Personal pleasure-seeking leads to anxiety and conflict. (1-3)

Independent living causes God to oppose us. (4-6)

Humility and holiness are the qualities that God blesses. (7-10)

Questions for Discussion:

Have you set any goals for the New Year? If so, what are they?

What would you say are your motives for these goals?

To what degree are any for your personal pleasure, or for God's glory?

What would it look like to tweak any selfish goals you might have into godly goals?

Take time this week to ask God for any spiritual goals He would want you to pursue this New Year.

How would you describe being "in the world but not of the world" vs. being a "friend of the world?"

Are there ways you would fall into the latter category?

Pastor Jeff listed the following signs of humility:

1. Submit yourself to God
2. Resist the devil
3. Draw near to God
4. Cleanse your hands
5. Purify your hearts
6. Confess your sins

Which of these signs do you think are most often lacking in most Christians today?

Is there one of these signs you personally are most lacking? If so, which one?

What would it look like for you to exhibit this sign of humility in your life this New Year?