

# What Will 2017 Bring?

We are out of the starting gate and off and running into 2017. Some questions naturally pop into our minds: (1) What will the new year bring? and (2) How should I prepare?

We don't know what the future holds, but we do know who holds the future – our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. But there are some things we should mull over as we ponder the path ahead.



I remind each of our *Life Care Journey* classes of the instruction from Scripture: *Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might* (Ecclesiastes 9:10). A verse that parallels that one is Colossians 3:23: *And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men.*

These are words to keep before us as we proceed through 2017. Let's determine to start it with passion, laying hold of what God wants us to do, and to do it with all our might.

Along the way, we should consider ...

- **Self-improvement.** That's at the heart of most people's resolutions. A stronger commitment to exercise, healthy eating, plenty of rest – are you listening? – and a positive attitude are all important.
- **Reach out a little more.** Find a person, a project or a cause that can use your talents and time. Such an order is ready-made for those of us in Life Care and Century Park. We see such projects every day.
- **Be open to learning something new each day.** Some folks keep a journal of what they learn every day, and at the end of the year find it motivating to look back through the information they acquired.
- **Travel, near and far.** Include places you've never been, and return to your favorites. We live on a beautiful planet that God has given us, and we should enjoy the journey.
- **Get rid of the clutter in your life.** Have a sense of organization in your home, garage and office.
- **Meet new friends.** Bringing new faces into your life in 2017 will open up your world to new opportunities, both professionally and socially.

Most of all, make a vow to yourself that you will take time throughout this year to engage in Bible study, prayer – including thanksgiving for your blessings – on a regular basis, and to seeking God's guidance and protection.

Happy New Year!

– Beecher Hunter