

“Win With Nike In 2009”

INTRODUCTION: Predictions for the NEW YEAR ...

- The Bible tells us how to use our time more wisely in 2009.

Ephesians 5:15-17

1.- Make The Most Of Every Day – 5:16

- “redeem” = ‘to rescue from loss, improve opportunity’ –

Psalm 39:4-5, Psalm 90:10

- Life is “precious, limited” ... no guarantee of TOMORROW!

- “Life can be hard if lived by the yard, but, life can be a cinch if lived by the inch.”

2.- Make The Most Of Every Opportunity – 5:16

- Satan wants to “steal” your TIME, your SOUL, your REWARDS.

- We WASTE a lot of time in our ... Sinning, Worrying, Busy-ness.

- We’re OVERLOADED with ... Commitments, Possessions, Work

- Luke 12:20

3.- Make The Most Of Your Christian Life – 5:17

- 1 Corinthians 15:54-57 – “Victory” is “Nike” in the Greek.

- 15:57 – There’s only 1 place to find the “victory” - 1 John 5:4

- DEATH can give you “victory” ... with Jesus!

Ephesians 5:17 – What is GOD’S WILL for you in 2009?

1.- Be Full Of The Holy Spirit – 5:18

- The Holy Spirit can CONTROL and CHANGE you.

2.- Be Full Of Joy – 5:19

- You should always have a “song” in your heart.

3.- Be Full Of Thanksgiving – 5:20

- God’s in control ... “always” thank Him in “all things”.

4.- Be Full Of Humility – 5:21

- There’s “victory” in SUBMISSION ... to the Lord, each other.

- Eph. 4:1-2 – We’re to respect others, in true humility.

CONCLUSION:

- Make 2009 a year of “Victory In Jesus”!