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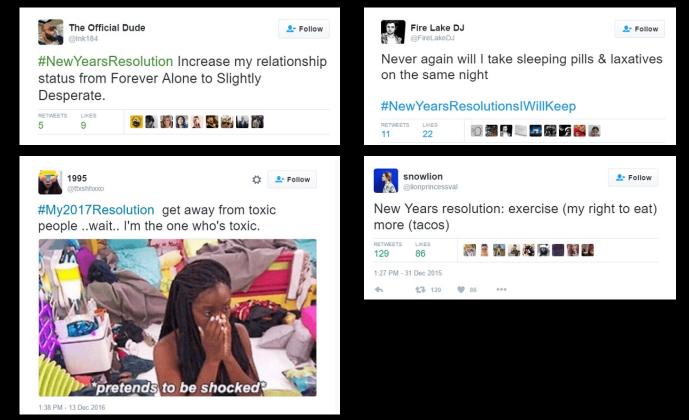
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#### **Crazy New Year Resolutions**



#### The Most Common New Year's Resolutions for 2018

"Which of the following are you planning to include among your New Year's resolutions?"



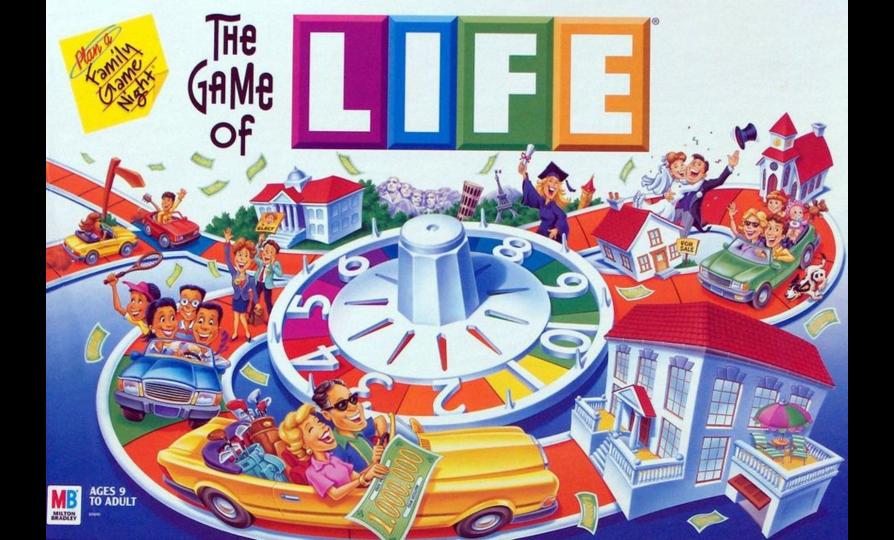
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#### Philippians 3:13-14 ESV

<sup>13</sup> Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.



- Let Go (Forgetting What Lies Behind)
- Pursue Passionately (Straining Forward To What Lies Ahead)
- Winning Attitude (Toward The Goal For The Prize)

Joseph's Background: 17-year-old young man Father's favorite son Brothers hated him An obedient son, gifted to hear from God, and the Lord was with him

### Setback 1: Betrayal

#### Genesis 37:28 ESV

<sup>28</sup> Then Midianite traders passed by. And they drew Joseph up and lifted him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty shekels of silver. They took Joseph to Egypt.

## Setback 2: False Accusation and Injustice Genesis 39:11-15 ESV

<sup>11</sup> But one day, when he went into the house to do his work and none of the men of the house was there in the house, <sup>12</sup> she caught him by his garment, saying, "Lie with me." But he left his garment in her hand and fled and got out of the house. <sup>13</sup> And as soon as she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and had fled out of the house,

## Setback 2: False Accusation and Injustice Genesis 39:11-15 ESV

<sup>14</sup> she called to the men of her household and said to them, "See, he has brought among us a Hebrew to laugh at us. He came in to me to lie with me, and I cried out with a loud voice. <sup>15</sup> And as soon as he heard that I lifted up my voice and cried out, he left his garment beside me and fled and got out of the house."

### **Setback 3: Rejection**

#### Genesis 40:14-15 ESV

<sup>14</sup> Only remember me, when it is well with you, and please do me the kindness to mention me to Pharaoh, and so get me out of this house.
<sup>15</sup> For I was indeed stolen out of the land of the Hebrews, and here also I have done nothing that they should put me into the pit."

#### Genesis 40:23 ESV

<sup>23</sup> Yet the chief cupbearer did not remember Joseph, but forgot him.

### Joseph's Breakthrough

#### **Genesis 41:41-43 NIV**

<sup>41</sup> So Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I hereby put you in charge of the whole land of Egypt." <sup>42</sup> Then Pharaoh took his signet ring from his finger and put it on Joseph's finger. He dressed him in robes of fine linen and put a gold chain around his neck. <sup>43</sup> He had him ride in a chariot as his secondin-command, and people shouted before him, "Make way!" Thus he put him in charge of the whole land of Egypt.

### Let Go (Forgetting What Lies Behind)



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1. Forgiveness

Ephesians 4:31-32 NIV

<sup>31</sup> Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. <sup>32</sup> Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.



(Forgetting What Lies Behind)

### 2. God is in Control

Genesis 50:19-20 ESV

<sup>19</sup> But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup> As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.

### **Pursue Passionately** (Straining Forward To What Lies Ahead)

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 Setting Godly Priorities Helps Develop a Godly Lifestyle Psalm 90:12 ESV
<sup>12</sup> So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.

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2. Priority 1: God First

Mark 12:30 ESV

<sup>30</sup> And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'

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#### **3. Other Priorities**

#### Mark 12:31 ESV

<sup>31</sup> The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." **Priority 2:** Spouse and Family **Priority 3:** Work/Business **Priority 4: Church Ministry Priority 5: Everything Else** 

### **Pursue Passionately**

(Straining Forward To What Lies Ahead)

#### 4. Distractions

- Pursue *What's Good* but missed out *THE BEST* for our lives.
- Fear Of Missing Out (FOMO)

### Winning Attitude (Toward The Goal For The Prize)

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Know Who You Are

#### John 1:12-13 ESV

<sup>12</sup> But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

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