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**Title: Retreat For Revival**

**Text: 2 Cor 13:5; Luke 12:41-48; Gen 1:4,11; Gen 32:22-28.**

As a Christian you should be mindful of why you are here. Part of your purposeful living is being aware of your times and seasons. Your life is a life of purpose; you can't live carelessly.

God is a God of assessment, evaluation, and looking back. God evaluated everything he created and called them good. So you ought to evaluate our actions, thoughts and words. Ask yourself if they are good.

We don't throw away previous instructions but we build on them. If, based on these instructions you do not measure up, try to correct your misdeeds.

Give yourself regular checkups. Test yourself; if you fail the test, do something about it. At the start of this year, you were told to walk on the straight and narrow, and the first requirement was holy living.

So ask yourself these questions: Did I live a holy life, a life fully pleasing to God? What did I engage in? What are the things I turned away from?

You may suffer when you deny yourself certain things but such denial is pleasing to God. You ought to live as a pilgrim, a temporary residence on the earth. Have eternity in view as you spend money and go about your daily business. You must refuse the world and be different. Your love for God and love for temporary things cannot co-exist in the heart.

You were also told to live as a disciple, to always be about your master's business. Your business is an inroad to God's kingdom; it is a tool for evangelism. If you recall, you were given a target of 3 persons. If Jesus were to come assess you for 2018, what would be your score? The strategy is to go after heads of families and heads of organizations because of their influence.

Take out time to be alone before the end of the year. You can't skip into the new year without retreating to a quiet place and seeking God's face.

When you're alone with God he'll open your eyes to see areas that you're bereft of his power. He'll shine his light in your dark places and touch those areas of your life that are critical.

You must be honest with yourself; ask yourself questions no one is bold enough to ask you.

Your eyes may already be on 2019 anticipating big things but God is asking, "Who are you?"