

Ten New Year Reminders
Proverbs 13
January 1, 2017

Some report that 100 million Americans will make New Year's Resolutions. Studies reveal, however, that 92 million or 92% will fail! *Why?* There is a great chasm between wishful thinking and life altering change. It's called *sacrifice*. While resolutions can be good, possibly we should focus on some New Year's *Reminders* for 2017. That which is *eternal*. Let's simply *resolve* to be faithful with *right living* in an *unrighteous* world. Solomon, in Proverbs 13, lists at least *Ten Reminders* of what really matters. Take inventory of your life.

1 Our Cornerstone Matters (1)

"A wise son heeds his father's instruction..." (1)

2 Our Conversation Matters (3, 5)

"He who guards his mouth preserves his life..." (3)

3 Our Calling Matters (4, 7, 11)

"The soul of the diligent shall be rich..." (4)

4 Our Character Matters (9, 10)

"The light of the righteous rejoices..." (9)

5 His Commandments Matter (13, 14)

"He who feasts the commandment (His Word) will be rewarded..." (13)

6 Our Conduct Matters (15, 16)

"Every prudent man acts with knowledge..." (16)

7 Our Conversation Matters (17)

"A faithful ambassador brings health..." (17)

8 His Correction Matters (18; 24)

"He who regards a rebuke will be honored..." (18)

9 Our Choices Matter (19, 12, 22)

"A desire accomplished is sweet to the soul..." (19)

10 Our Companions Matter (20, 21)

"He who walks with wise men will be wise..." (20)

Application: What *Reminders* need *Recalibrating* in your life? Sometimes it's the simplest things in life that make the most profound impact.