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TABLE

2023

Year in Review

Start Here



"Don't Forget What God Has Done for You"

TONY EVANS |  7:37

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XNJMWEdIVaA>

Key Verses This Month:

- Deuteronomy 8:10–20
- Joshua 4:2–3

As the current year ends, we have the opportunity to reflect on the year that it was. Where can we see God in the events of our year? What was accomplished by His grace? What is worthy of a pause to express gratitude and thanksgiving? It is important that we leave space to remember. We do this for three reasons:

1. WE ARE TERRIBLE AT REMEMBERING.

We see repeatedly in the Old Testament that the Israelites had to be reminded again and again of God's faithfulness. When they forgot God's faithfulness and His promises to them, they became proud and pursued idols instead [which is what God warned would happen (Deuteronomy 8:10–20)]. God knew this was their tendency and urged them to practice remembrance, and we must practice the same. Tony Evans said, "It's easy to forget. It's easy to think you are your own source.... It's easy to forget, when you went from nothing to something, how you got there." But God is our source, and it is by Him that we accomplish anything worthwhile in our lives, and we need to regularly remind ourselves of this.

Then take care lest you forget the Lord, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. —Deuteronomy 6:12

2. TYPICALLY, WE ARE ALSO BAD AT CELEBRATING WHAT GOD HAS DONE.

With lots of ambitions and goals for where we want to drive our businesses, we can often forget to celebrate what God has done. As soon as one goal is accomplished, we think about the next. However, it's clear throughout Scripture that God intends for us to pause and celebrate as we remember all that He has done for us.

*Come and see what God has done, his awesome deeds for mankind! —
Psalm 66:5*

*Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!
His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. The
Lord has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness
in the sight of the nations. He has remembered his steadfast love and
faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God. Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!
— Psalm 98:1–4*

3. IT PREPARES US TO BE PRAYERFUL ABOUT BHAGG(S) FOR THE COMING YEAR.

We will soon plan our BHAGG(s) for next year. To be thoughtful and do this well, we must remember what God has already done to help us anticipate how capable He is in what is to come. We can prepare our hearts for what He wants us to prioritize.

*Then Joshua said to the people, “Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow
the Lord will do wonders among you.” — Joshua 3:5*

*The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps.
— Proverbs 16:9*

Stones of Remembrance

After the people of Israel supernaturally crossed the Jordan River to enter the Promised Land, God commanded Joshua to “choose twelve men, one from each tribe. Tell them, ‘Take twelve stones from the very place where the priests are standing in the middle of the Jordan. Carry them out and pile them up at the place where you will camp tonight’” (Joshua 4:2–3). These stones of remembrance would serve as a permanent national reminder and a memorial to future generations of the miraculous river crossing.

Each year we take this time to reflect and, in a sense, build a memorial for what the Lord has done in the past year.

The unexamined life is not worth living. —Socrates

Reflection

Take time prior to our meeting to reflect and meditate on what has God done. What has He spoken to you? What things has He brought conviction on?

To reflect on those questions, prayerfully and intentionally look at the following things:

- A. Review your weekly calendar from the last year.
- B. Review your business changes, new clients, process improvements, and connections.
- C. Review family celebrations or big life events that have happened this year. (You could update your Life Line).
- D. Review the content we covered and your notes about big takeaways.
- E. Review best practices that you've learned and implemented.
- F. Review any Featured Members that were shared.
- G. Reflect on your relationships within Truth At Work and how they've impacted you.
- H. Ponder any Gospel Conversations or Discipleship Conversations you had over the past year.

All these things are prodding us to prepare to ponder what God has done over the last year!

Pre-Work for Your Round Table

As you review the last calendar year, consider the following:

1. Describe how you saw God at work in your personal, professional, and spiritual life. What was the greatest victory you experienced in the past year?
2. What was the single greatest challenge that happened in your life (personal, business, or spiritual)?
3. What was your BHAGG(s) for the year, and was it accomplished or was progress made? Why or why not?
4. How would you rate your current relationship with the Lord? Are you closer to the Lord than you were a year ago? Why or why not?
5. What aspect of being part of your Truth At Work group most impacted you this past year?
6. What takeaways from this review might help you as you plan for the upcoming year?