

The Secret Of A Great And Wonderful New Year



Text: Matthew 3:13-17, Mark 1:9-11, Luke 3:15-23, John 1:29-34

I. Introduction

- “Certain philosophies are definitely not for all people!”...Charlie Brown
- It was the beginning of a new phase for His life. Many of us have had that experience. And we all have dreams! Jesus’ dream was to do the will of His Father. That should be ours also. I want to examine three areas of Jesus’ life that serve as an example to us.

II. His Humility

- It took great humility for Jesus, who was sinless, to be baptized! We need that kind of humility in our own lives.
- We need mentors in life and in the Church. We all need the humility to take their advice!

III. Jesus’ Sense Of Urgency

- Once He made His decision, action followed swiftly
- I wonder how many dreams are never realized, and how many accomplishments are never accomplished – all because the dreamer never gets into the action
- Jesus allowed nothing to delay Him, nor discourage Him, nor defeat Him

IV. Jesus Never Looked Back

- **Luke 9:62**
- Jesus knew well there was no turning back. Our personal salvation is what He had been called to achieve...and achieve it He did...abundantly...but at a great cost!
- “For me to live is Christ, to die is gain!”
- I challenge you to commit your life, or re-commit your life to Christ!

V. Conclusion

- Let's begin this New Year with a commitment to genuine humility, an urgency to do God's will, and a resolution to give our very best, without looking back!