

# "One" Service 2017

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## Happy New Year!

*Jews have 2 main New Years:*

- **Rosh Hashanah** – “head of the year”, Yom Teruah- “day of sounding of the shofar” beginning of civil calendar, 10 days before Yom Kippur, “day of atonement”, falls in Sept/Oct.
- **Rosh Chodashim** - “head of the months”, Nissan 1st, beginning of religious calendar, 2 weeks before Passover, celebrates Israel’s exodus from Egypt, falls in March/April.

**Point** — *New Years is a huge deal to God, He came up with it, He instructed it.*

**Noticed** — *Sunday, day one of the week, the 1st is day one of the month, Jan. is month one of the year- got me thinking... gather the people in one service to worship and pray a blessing over everyone, individual or family, setting the course for the new year.*

**Also** — *“one” got me thinking about the beautiful and powerful truths surrounding the phrase “one thing” found in the scriptures...may these truths define our lives in the new year!*

- **Psalm 27:4**

One thing I have desired of the LORD, that will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in His temple.

**Application** — *David said his “one thing” was to seek God by dwelling in His house, beholding His beauty, and inquiring in His temple... may we do likewise!*

- **Luke 10:38-42**

Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me." And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her."

**Application** — *Jesus defined “one thing” as sitting at His feet and hearing His word... may we do likewise!*

- **Phillipians 3:13-15**

Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Therefore let us, as many as are mature, have this mind; and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal even this to you.

***Application** — Paul's "one thing" was to forget past and reach for future, pressing toward the goal, for the prize.*

## **7 "one things" for the New Year...**

- 1. Seek the Lord**
- 2. Dwell in His House**
- 3. Behold His Beauty**
- 4. Inquire in His Temple**
- 5. Sit at Jesus' Feet**
- 6. Forget the Past**
- 7. Reach for the Future**

## **7 blessings we are going to pray over you for the New Year...an INCREASED:**

- 1. Hunger for God**
- 2. Seeking of God**
- 3. Love of God**
- 4. Power of God**
- 5. Favor of God**
- 6. Ways of God**
- 7. Mission with God**

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### **Discussion Questions**

- 1.** How are you going to practically implement the 7 "one things" in your life in 2017?
- 2.** What spiritual "goals" do you have for yourself in 2017? For your family?
- 3.** What do you think could happen in our lives, in our family, and in our church if we committed to praying the above 7 blessings regularly?