## 'Could Your Life Use a Reset?' Hebrews 12:1

## **Introduction:**

Ps. 139:23,24 As part of the Christmas story, many people made 'resets' in their life, such as Zechariah and Elizabeth, the shepherds out in the fields, Simeon and Anna, but let me tell you of a person who made a major reset in his life.

## I. The son who experienced unconditional grace. Lk. 15:11-18,

This son couldn't wait to get out on his own. He wanted freedom to do what he wants. He was unloving, disrespectful and rude. Sure enough, the son goes out and blows all his money on women and wine. When he finally wakes up, he's in a pigsty. He decides to return home. What does the father do? He gives him the exact opposite of what the boy deserves. The father knows the boy is already aware of his guilt, now he needs to be forgiven. That's grace.

Because of God's unconditional love, as demonstrated by this loving father, this son experienced a major reset in his life. And it's God's unconditional love that gives us today the proper \_\_\_\_\_\_ to make the needed resets in our own lives.

So, let's look at some areas where maybe one could use a reset.

## II. Some possible areas where one might need a reset.

- **A.** Is it time for a reset in your marriage? Probably, for even a well-tuned car needs periodic checkups. If you can handle it, take her out for coffee and ask her what are one or two things you can do to improve your marriage and then please don't get defensive.
- **B.** Is it time for a reset in your work? Do you want to keep doing what you are doing for the rest of your life? If not, what are you going to do about it? Or a reset in <u>how</u> you work. Do you need to change your schedule? Perhaps the only change needs to be between your own ears, in your attitude or outlook. Are you thankful for your job?
- **C.** Is it time for a reset in your daily habits? It is easy to fall into certain ways of doing things, whether it is something as simple as your early morning routine or late at night routine. Is there something you can do to make those daily \_\_\_\_\_ of yours better? Maybe your reading habits could change. Maybe your TV viewing habits needs to change.
- **D.** Is it time for a reset in your relationship with God? Isaiah 12:2,3 Is your daily worship time one of the highlights of your day? If not, then perhaps it's time for a reset in your walk with God. Acts 3:19.

And remember, no \_\_\_\_\_ just happen by themselves. If you want to get a project done or have a vacation to a certain place, it won't happen unless you plan it and work on it. We all know this.

In the same way, if you want to have an exciting year, by the grace of God, trust God, dream big and then commit yourself to reaching it.