

# ReNew

*Positioning yourself to intentionally and powerfully end the old year (2022) and begin the new one (2023).*

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# I AM THE NEW YEAR

I am the New Year. I am an unspoiled page in your book of time.

I am your next chance at the art of living. I am your opportunity to practice what you have learned about life during the last twelve months.

All that you sought and didn't find is hidden in me, waiting for you to search it but with more determination.

All the good that you tried for and didn't achieve is mine to grant when you have fewer conflicting desires.

All that you dreamed but didn't dare to do, all that you hoped but did not will, all the faith that you claimed but did not have—these slumber lightly, waiting to be awakened by the touch of a strong purpose.

I am your opportunity to renew your allegiance to Him who said, "Behold, I make all things new."

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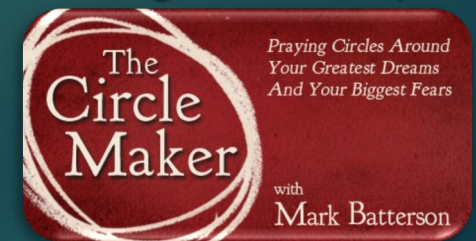





Honi HaMe'agel, the Circle-drawer, was a Jewish scholar of the 1st-cen. According to tradition his prayer for rain was miraculously answered. How did it happen? When God did not send rain, Honi claimed God's promise of deliverance, drew a circle in the dust, stood inside it, and informed God that he would not move until it rained.

\*This New Year, we too can claimed God's promises with purpose!

Let prayer be a part of your year ending and year beginning strategy. Draw a **prayer circle** around the promise you are claiming and stay there until you get an answer!







The steadfast love  
of the Lord never ceases;  
his mercies  
never come to an end;  
they are new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness.

Lamentations 3:22-23



# New Year Challenge

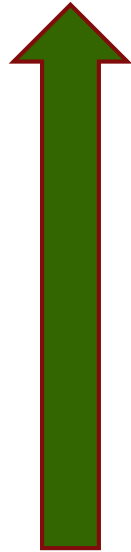
Ellen White, Signs of the Times, January 2, 1901

“The old year, with its burden of record, is fast passing away. The new year, with all its possibilities, will soon be ushered in.

- “What advancement have we made in the knowledge of Christ during the past year?”
- “Are we prepared to show, more decidedly than ever before, that we are on the Lord’s side?”
- “At this time, when the nations of the world are wavering between infidelity and idolatry, are we prepared to stand as faithful ambassadors for Christ?”

“Shall we not, at the beginning of this new year, give ourselves and all we have to God? Shall we not listen to His voice, which calls us to a renewed contest, to a more thorough consecration of ourselves and our entrusted capabilities to His service?”

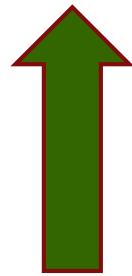
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2. Enumerate



3. Name



4. Extract



5. Welcome



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# 2023 R.E.N.E.W.

**R-Recall** and write 1-3 practices that what went well.



**E-Enumerate** 1-3 incidents that didn't go well and why.



**N-Name** 1-3 major lessons learned during the year.



**E-Extract** 1-3 notable intentions for God, others, self.



**W-Welcome** 2023 with warmth, wellness, winsomeness.



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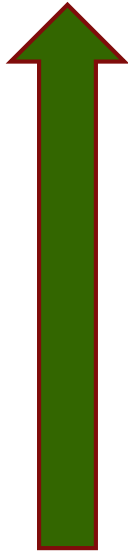
“To God we owe all we have and are. In Him we live and move and have our being. We have not been forgotten by Him.

- “In His book each human being has a page, on which is recorded his whole history.
- “Constantly and untiringly God is working for our happiness.
- “The treasures which He has placed within our reach are numberless.

““The Lord is good to all; and His tender mercies are over all His works. Thou openest Thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.’ He is the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort. The earth is full of His goodness. Creation proclaims, with myriad voice, the forbearance, love, and compassion of the Almighty.”



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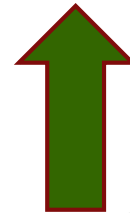
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*It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.*

*Lamentations 3:22-23*

**Heavenly Father, I'm so grateful for everything You have done for me over the past year. Your love and compassion have never failed me. Help me to put the past behind me and allow me to walk into the new year with confidence knowing that no matter what I may face, You are always with me. Great is Your faithfulness! In Jesus' Name I pray, Amen**





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