

Prospering In The New Year

(Psalm 26:1-12)

- Introduction:
1. As the New Year is almost upon us, you will probably hear someone make the statement, "Have a healthy and prosperous New Year!"
 2. What if we all prayed the prayer mentioned in 3 John 2?
 3. It would do us well to undergo a "spiritual check-up" from time to time (2 Corinthians 13:5).
 4. Let's look at King David and see how he stood before the Great Physician, only to find out that he was spiritual fit. What preventive medicine did he take for his soul.

I. Examine Me (Psalm 26:2)

- A. Would you be willing to stand before God and ask him to see if he could find any fault in you?
- B. (Psalm 139:23-24).
- C. How could David stand before God with such confidence?

II. He Trusted In The Lord (Psalm 26:1)

- A. Our salvation and security does not come by our perfection, but by the Lord's faithfulness.
- B. As imperfect as we are, the Lord is faithful to perform and fulfill his promises.
- C. (1 Thessalonians 5:23-24).

III. He Walked In God's Truth (Psalm 26:3)

- A. More than just sincerity (Psalm 26:1), David walked in God's truth.
- B. Our standard for conduct is not what we think, feel, or want, but what God says.

IV. He Separated Himself From The Influence Of The Wicked (Psalm 26:4-5)

- A. (1 Corinthians 15:33).
- B. (Exodus 23:2).
- C. (Matthew 5:16).

V. He Loved To Worship (Psalm 26:8)

- A. (Psalm 122:1).
- B. (Malachi 1:13).
- C. Some do not love worship because they make no preparation for it.

- Conclusion:
1. My desire for you is that you, like David, can stand before God and say, "Examine me, try my mind and heart."
 2. My desire is also to be able to pray that we prosper as our souls prosper and know that this will not do us harm.