

# Talk-bits

## Seeking God's Blessings for 2012

This week each daily Talk-bit invites you to consider an area where you can seek God's blessing for yourself, friends and family in the coming year.

### Sunday, January 1

Psalm 139:16

*All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.*

Talk-bit: As you think about your **plans** and **purpose** for the coming year, how does this verse assure you of God's blessing?

Prayer: Lord God, give me deep satisfaction as I discover and carry out the unique role you've given to me.

### Monday, January 2

2 Thessalonians 3:16

*Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way.*

Talk-bit: What are some stresses in your life that you need to submit to God so you can enjoy the blessing of his **peace**?

Prayer: God, bring rest to my mind and heart. May gratitude and peace replace every anxious, fearful thought.

### Tuesday, January 3

Proverbs 30:8-9

*Give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread. Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you and say, 'Who is the Lord?' Or I may become poor and steal, and so dishonor the name of my God.*

Talk-bit: How does this verse speak to you about being blessed by God's provision of **sufficient resources**?

Prayer: Generous God, supply what I need for each day, and from your provision inspire me to share generously with others.

### Wednesday, January 4

Jeremiah 31:13

*I will turn their mourning into gladness; I will give them comfort and joy instead of sorrow.*

Talk-bit: In what areas of life might God bless you with increased **joy** and **laughter**?

Prayer: Loving God, fill each day with gladness so that even my sorrows can turn into joy.

### Thursday, January 5

Proverbs 2:6

*The Lord gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.*

Talk-bit: How can you assure that God directs your **thinking** and your **ideas** in the coming year?

Prayer: God, supply me with fresh insight and creative solutions to meet the challenges of each day in ways that honor you.

### Friday, January 6

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

*Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work: If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up!*

Talk-bit: How has God blessed you with supportive **relationships** that deserve to be continually nurtured?

Prayer: Loving God, where I am part of a strained relationship give me with a spirit of reconciliation and forgiveness. Surround me with loving, faithful and supportive friends.

### Saturday, January 7

Psalm 91:14

*"Because he loves me," says the LORD, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name."*

Talk-bit: What reason do we have to look to God for our **safety** and **protection**?

Prayer: Mighty God, keep me and those I love from violence, calamity, and loss. Frustrate those who seek to hurt us physically, mentally, or emotionally, and give us confidence that you are working all things out for our good!