Oswald Chambers:
"At the end of the year we turn with eagerness to all that God has for the future, and yet anxiety is apt to arise from remembering the yesterdays. Our present enjoyment of God's grace is apt to be checked by the memory of yesterday's sins and blunders. But God is the God of our yesterdays, and He allows the memory of them in order to turn the past into a ministry of spiritual culture for the future. God reminds us of the past lest we get into a shallow security in the present. Our yesterdays present irreparable things to us; it is true that we have lost opportunities, which will never return, but God can transform this destructive anxiety into a constructive thoughtfulness for the future. Let the past sleep, but let it sleep on the bosom of Christ."

Top Ten New Year Resolutions Made in 2019:

1. Make more friends
2. Lose some weight
3. Eat better
4. Quit smoking
5. Read more
6. Save some money
7. Make more money
8. Get more sleep
9. Get more exercise
10. Listen more and talk less

Pastor Tim's Top Ten Spiritual Goals for the Clements Family in 2019:

1. Make sure that we are all saved
2. Pray more
3. Live your personal life surrendered to the will of God
4. Establish consistent morning devotions
5. Memorize scripture
6. Share your faith more
7. Be responsible for bringing at least one person to Christ
8. Become a biblical tither
9. Become a generous giver
10. Become a better church member by making attendance a priority

Dietrich Bonhoeffer:
“From politics to education, from spirituality to ethics, our sophisticated twenty-first-century world functions on the presupposition that people are basically good, society can get better, and the only thing standing in the way is the backward-thinking Neanderthals who cannot pull their noses out of an outdated book like the Bible. The only problem with that kind of thinking is that it's totally false. People are not basically good, the world is not getting better, and our hope is not in humanity, the truth is, this world is in a real mess. War, not peace, is the norm. Fighting, conflict, lawsuits, and domestic problems are all too commonplace. Friendships cool, marriages fracture, partnerships dissolve, personalities collide, and churches even split. Why? Because depravity is in full bloom in our world. Sin abounds, death, destruction, pain, and chaos are the order of the day.”
Four statements to remember in 2019:

• Think progress, not perfection.

Philippians 3:12a (NKJV) Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected…

• The past is behind, so leave it behind.

Philippians 3:13 (NKJV) 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.

• Our goal for the future leads to hope – so reach for it.

Philippians 3:13-14 (NKJV) 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, 14 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

• A determined attitude in 2019 will carry us a long way – so be determined to have one.

Philippians 3:15 (NKJV) 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.

Stuart Briscoe:
“I am complete in the sense that I have grown as far as I can grow in my present state, and I am ready for my next lesson in life.”

Ten disciplines Philippians will teach us in 2019:

1. Disciplines of prayer
2. Disciplines of adversity
3. Disciplines of Christian joy
4. Disciplines of our heavenly citizenship
5. Disciplines of humility
6. Disciplines of surrender
7. Disciplines of unity
8. Disciplines of generosity
9. Disciplines of Christian contentment
10. Disciplines of being an encourager