

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Expecting the Best in 2010!
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Hebrews 11:6 (TNIV) And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

Matt 9:29 (NIV) According to your faith will it be done to you...

Heb 11:1 (GWT) Faith assures us of the things we expect...

EXPECTING THE BEST =The confident assurance that God is in control of the future and that He plans what is best for my life because He loves me.

Ps 32:8 (NLT) I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I'll advise you and watch over you.

WHY EXPECT THE BEST?

1. IT _____
1 Sam 17:46 (NIV) This day the Lord will hand you over to me, and I'll strike you down...and the whole world will know there is a God!

2. IT _____
1Sam 17:49 (NLT) David hurled a stone from his sling and hit the philistine in the forehead. The stone sank in, and Goliath stumbled and fell face downward to the ground.

3. IT _____
1Sam 17:52 (NLT) Then the Israelites gave a great shout of triumph and rushed after the Philistines, chasing them as far as Gath.

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HOW TO EXPECT THE BEST

1. TUNE IN _____
Ps 5:3 (NIV) In the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait **in expectation.**
Ps 34:9 (TM) Worship God if **you want the best;** worship opens doors to all His goodness.

2. THINK ON _____
Ps 119:95 (LB) Though the wicked hide along the way to kill me, I will quietly keep my mind upon your promises.
Ps 119:11 (TM) I've banked your promises in the vault of my heart...I've hid your word in my heart...
Phil 4:8 (TM) Heb 10:23 (TM)

3. TRUST IN _____
Ps 42:11 (LB) O, my soul, don't be discouraged. Don't be upset. Expect God to act! For I know that I shall again have plenty of reason to praise Him for all that he will do.
Heb 12:10 (TM) While we were children, our parents did what seemed best to them. But God is doing what is best for us, training us to live God's holy best.
Ps 91:14 (TM) I'll get you out of any trouble. I'll give you the best care if you'll only get to know and trust me.

4. TALK WITH _____
Ps 119:63 (TM) I'm a friend and companion of those committed to living by your rules.
Heb 10:25 (GN) Let us not give up the habit of meeting together...Instead let us encourage one another.
Ps 37:4 (TM) Keep company with God, get in on the best.