

# Our Call



*Watchnight Reflections 2013*

subject

## New Years Resolutions!

1. Lose weight
2. Drink more water
3. Exercise more
4. Stop swearing
5. Get more sleep



“You cannot fulfill God’s purpose for your life while focusing on your own plans.”

- Rick Warren, The Purpose Driven Life

“Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint; but blessed is the one who heeds wisdom’s instruction.”

- Proverbs 29:18 (NIV)

“If people can’t see what God is doing, they stumble all over themselves; But when they attend to what he reveals, they are most blessed.”

- Proverbs 29:18 (The Message)

How should we respond?

# Micah 6 : 6 - 8 (NIV)

With what shall I come before the Lord and bow down before the exalted God? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of olive oil? Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

# Micah 6 : 8 (The Msg)

But he's already made it plain how to live, what to do, what God is looking for in men and women.

It's quite simple: Do what is fair and just to your neighbour, be compassionate and loyal in your love, and don't take yourself too seriously - take God seriously.

# To Act Justly

- Do wrong to none, do right to all
- Extend ourselves to ‘righting the wrongs’ we see in the world



“The great thing a little lamp can do which the big sun cannot do is to give light at night. It shows no one is superior by size but **by purpose**. If we cannot do great things, we can do small things in a great way. Little things make a big difference to God.”

- Yellow Boat of Hope Foundation Philosophy

# To Love Mercy

- Delight in mercy, as Jesus did
- Seize opportunities to dispense grace, and to do so cheerfully

# Walk Humbly with God

- Recognise God's sovereignty in all things
- Practice God's presence
- Make it our 'business' to please God
- Conform to God's will

“Humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less. Humility is thinking more of others. Humble people are so focused on serving others, they don’t think of themselves.”

- Rick Warren, The Purpose Driven Life

# Matthew 5 : 13 - 16 (NIV)

You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavour, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. You are the the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

“When we struggle for human rights, for freedom, for dignity, when we feel that it is a ministry of the church to concern itself for those who are hungry, for those who have no schools, for those who are deprived, we are not departing from God’s promise... The church knows it is saving the world when it undertakes to speak also of such things.”

- Bishop Oscar Romero -

