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...the prudent man looks and considers well where he is going.

Proverbs 14:15 (AMPC)

I would rate my spiritual experience in 2015:

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I went backwards I'm basically the same. 2015 was awesome!

Teach us to use wisely all the time we have. **Psalm 90:12 (CEV)**

5 commitments that will make 2016 a great year:

Commitment #1 - I will make a commitment to God.

Don't be envious of sinful people; let reverence for the Lord be the concern of your life. ¹⁸ If it is, you have a bright future.

Proverbs 23:17-18 (GNT)

Put GOD in charge of your work, then what you've planned will take place.

Proverbs 16:3 (MSG)

Destruction is certain for my rebellious children. Says the Lord. You make plans that are contrary to my will. You weave a web of plans that are not from my Spirit, thus piling up your sins.

Isaiah 30:1 (NLT)

Commitment #2 - I will make a commitment to mature.

You must crave pure spiritual milk so that you can grow into the fullness of your salvation, Cry out for this nourishment as a baby cries for milk.

1 Peter 2:2 (NLT)

Christ gave those gifts to prepare God's holy people for the work of serving, to make the body of Christ stronger. ¹³ This work must continue until we are all joined together in the same faith and in the same knowledge of the Son of God. We must become like a mature person, growing until we become like Christ and have his perfection.

Ephesians 4:12-13 (NCV)

Commitment #3 - I will use what God gives me to bless others.

...be rich in good works. ... be happy to give and ready to share. ¹⁹ By doing this, they will be saving up a treasure for themselves. And that treasure will be a strong foundation on which their future life will be built. They will be able to have the life that is true life.

1 Timothy 6:18-19 (ERV)

Each of you as a good manager must use the gift that God has given you to serve others.

1 Peter 4:10 (GWT)

Commitment #4 - I will share my life and faith with unbelievers.

I don't care about my own life. The most important thing is that I complete my mission, the work that the Lord Jesus gave me—to tell people the Good News about God's grace. **Acts 20:24 (NCV)**

Because we loved you, we were happy to share not only God's Good News with you, but even our own lives. You had become so dear to us!

1 Thessalonians 2:8 (NCV)

I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ.

Philemon 1:6 (NIV)

Commitment #5 - I will connect with other believers.

Love each other in a way that makes you feel close like brothers and sisters.

Romans 12:10a (ERV)

All the believers continued together in close fellowship and shared their belongings with one another.

Acts 2:44 (GNT)

The believers shared a common purpose, and every day they spent much of their time together in the Temple area. They also ate together in their homes. They were happy to share their food and ate with joyful hearts. ⁴⁷ The believers praised God and were respected by all the people. More and more people were being saved every day, and the Lord was adding them to their group.

Acts 2:46-47 (ERV)