

21Z04 Dec Student Update

Hello my friends. I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas.

First, please check your emails for a message from Joy. She is trying to simplify the process for uploading your requirements. Please follow her instructions and get everything in before the deadlines.

Please only email messages to us. Requirements must be submitted via the google drive links she will be providing you. One last thing, make sure you use the same email address you gave us on your applications. If you use another email address, then the system may not log your uploads. Please be careful to follow all the instructions.

I hope each of you had a wonderful Christmas. Christmas is a very special time of the year because we remember how Jesus came into the world to save us. To save me. And to save you. This is a very personal thing. The creator of everything gave everything up to provide us a way back to Him. That is love.

Now here we are at the start of a new year with new possibilities. A New Year brings us excitement at what God has in store for us. The new blessings of a new year. And We should remember to be thankful to God for everything we experienced in 2021 and everything we will experience in 2022.

For me 2021 brought a lot of trials and tribulations, but even more triumphs and blessings. Each of you are some of those blessings for me personally. I value everyone of you.

I feel blessed I was sick in 2021, God chose to keep me here because He has more for me to do.

I faced bodily pain with COVID, kidney stones. Several surgeries and many medical procedures. I am so thankful to God for the lessons I learned through each of these experiences.

And I'm thankful for so much more. But I especially look forward to this coming year. A new year with new possibilities, new opportunities and I look forward to the new challenges as well. God is for me, so who can be against.

I know each of you have faced many challenges and loss in these past few years. This coming year is the Lord's. Trust in God's plan. I know I do. I don't know what is coming but I eagerly anticipate seeing my God at work in each of our lives. I know my strength is not strong, my ideas are not always good, my actions too often fail. But my God can use my weakness, my mistakes, my trials to accomplish His miracles. My prayer to Jesus is simply use me for your glory. Thy will be done on earth and in my heart Amen.

So before I go today. I want to read you the first 8 verses of Psalm 37. I'm going to read from the New Living Translation. *Don't worry about the wicked or envy those who do wrong. For like grass, they soon fade away. Like spring flowers, they soon wither. Trust in the LORD and do good. Then you will live safely in the land and prosper. Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you your heart's desires.*

Commit everything you do to the LORD. Trust him, and he will help you. He will make your innocence radiate like the dawn, and the justice of your cause will shine like the noonday sun. Be still in the presence of the LORD, and wait patiently for him to act. Don't worry about evil people who prosper or fret about their wicked schemes. Stop being angry! Turn from your rage! Do not lose your temper— it only leads to harm. For the wicked will be destroyed, but those who trust in the LORD will possess the land.

This is a beautiful Psalm. King David could capture the heart of God with his words so beautifully. Trust God, He is in charge of everything. Delight in the Lord, which means we try to love the things God loves, we do the things God wants us to do. We align our hearts, our dreams with what God wants and He will give us the desires of our heart.

God loves you. Don't forget that. You don't have to care what other people say or do to you. You only need to satisfy one, your Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Let's Pray. Father God, Thank You for everything. Every experience, every person. I am thankful for everything. And I look forward to everything you will bring my way in this new year. Because I know with you, I can face any challenges and do anything you want me to do.

I pray for each student, that they trust you Lord. You have control of everything. Help each of us to mold our hearts and desires to Yours Father.

I pray that You guide them in the paths You want them to take this coming year. I know you have a specific plan for each of them. I am eager to see You work in their lives and in my life. I am prepared to be amazed, Lord Jesus.

I pray this in your name, Lord Jesus Amen

Again, Students. I am so glad we have this time together. No matter what we face, I know our God is Bigger and Stronger than anything on this earth. So we don't have to fear anything in this world. I Love you all. God's Blessings for you.

Until next time. I pray for Joy, Hope, Peace and Assurance from God for each of you. God bless.

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