

**HOW TO MAKE A FRESH START**  
**Preparing for the New Year**  
**Isaiah 43:18-19 (NCV)**

*“The Lord says, ‘Forget about what has happened before. Do not think about the past. [Instead] look at the new thing I am going to do.’”* Isaiah 43:18-19 (NCV)

**HOW TO MAKE A FRESH S.T.A.R.T. IN 2010**

**STOP** \_\_\_\_\_

*“A man who refuses to admit his mistakes can never be successful. But if he confesses and forsakes them, he gets another chance.”*  
Pr. 28:13 (LB)

Common Causes of Failure

- WE DON'T \_\_\_\_\_  
*“A sensible man watches for problems and prepares to meet them. The fool never looks ahead and suffers the consequences.”* Pr. 27:12 (LB)
- WE DON'T \_\_\_\_\_  
*“Plans fail without good advice.”* Pr. 15:22 (NCV)
- WE \_\_\_\_\_  
*“If you give up when trouble comes, it shows that you are weak.”* Pr. 24:10 (NCV)

**TAKE** \_\_\_\_\_

*“You have experienced many things. Were all those experiences wasted? I hope not!”* Gal. 3:4 (ICB)

ASK

**ACT** \_\_\_\_\_

*“According to your faith will it be done to you.”* Mt. 9:29 (NIV)

*“We should make plans – counting on God to direct us.”* Pr. 16:9

*“Being afraid of people can get you into trouble...”* Pr. 29:25 (NCV)

**REFOCUS** \_\_\_\_\_

*“Be careful how you think; your life is shaped by your thoughts.”*  
Pr. 4:23 (GN)

*“Happy are those who... are always meditating on God’s Word... They are like trees along a river... that do not dry up. They succeed in everything they do.”* Ps. 1:1-3 (GN)

**TRUST** \_\_\_\_\_

*“‘You will not succeed by your own strength or power, but by My Spirit,’ says the Lord.”* Zech. 4:6 (NCV)

*“When someone becomes a Christian, he becomes a brand new person inside. He is not the same any more. A new life has begun!”*  
2 Cor. 5:17 (LB)