

## MAKE YOUR NEW YEAR COUNT!

*Psalm 12:1-8 (NIV)*

For the director of music. According to sheminith.  
A psalm of David.

*Help, Lord, for the godly are no more;*

*the faithful have vanished from among men.*

<sup>2</sup> *Everyone lies to his neighbor;*

*their flattering lips speak with deception.*

<sup>3</sup> *May the Lord cut off all flattering lips*

*and every boastful tongue*

<sup>4</sup> *that says, "We will triumph with our tongues;*

*we own our lips--who is our master?"*

<sup>5</sup> *"Because of the oppression of the weak*

*and the groaning of the needy,*

*I will now arise," says the Lord.*

*"I will protect them from those who malign them."*

<sup>6</sup> *And the words of the Lord are flawless,*

*like silver refined in a furnace of clay,*

*purified seven times.*

<sup>7</sup> *O Lord, you will keep us safe*

*and protect us from such people forever.*

<sup>8</sup> *The wicked freely strut about*

*when what is vile is honored among men.*

### 1. CRY OUT TO GOD - Vs. 1-2

Sometimes we feel like we're in this alone.

We cannot trust in the world.

We must learn where to place our trust.

### 2. ACCEPT CONSOLATION FROM GOD - Vs. 3-5

We must allow God to fight our battles.

God will provide all the protection we need.

God takes care of the weak.

### 3. HAVE CONFIDENCE IN GOD'S WORD - Vs. 6-7

God's Word will never fail us.

God's Word provides protection in our time of trouble.

God's Word is without error.

### 4. TAKE CAUTION FROM GOD - Vs. 8

We must be careful about what we give honor to.

Glorifying evil, gives strength to the wicked.

Glorifying God gives us strength.