A New Year and New Goals

Revelation 14:7
I am going to exercise more this coming year
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● I am going to eat better this year
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I am going to eat more fruits and vegetables this year
✦ I am going to exercise more this coming year
✦ I am going to eat better this year
✦ I am going to eat more fruits and vegetables this year
✦ I will read my Bible more this year
✦ I am going to exercise more this coming year

✦ I am going to eat better this year

✦ I am going to eat more fruits and vegetables this year

✦ I will read my Bible more this year

✦ I will pray more this year
Goal: the object of a person’s ambition or effort; an aim or desired result.

(Oxford American Dictionary)
Plans are nothing; planning is everything. (Dwight
Golden Circle

What
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The Normandy Invasion
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WHAT: We are going to invade Nazi controls areas of Europe and free the people and destroy the wicked government.
This Man, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death. (Acts 2:23 NASB)
... the plan of salvation made it possible for man again to be brought into harmony with God, and to render obedience to His law, and for both man and the earth to be finally redeemed from the power of the wicked one.

(Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 331.2)
The plan for our redemption was not an afterthought, a plan formulated after the fall of Adam. It was a revelation of “the mystery which hath been kept in silence through times eternal.” Romans 16:25, R. V. It was an unfolding of the principles that from eternal ages have been the foundation of God’s throne.
From the beginning, God and Christ knew of the apostasy of Satan, and of the fall of man through the deceptive power of the apostate. God did not ordain that sin should exist, but He foresaw its existence, and made provision to meet the terrible emergency.
So great was His love for the world, that He covenanted to give His only-begotten Son, “that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” John 3:16.  
(The Desire of Ages, p. 22.2)
Though he had left his position as covering cherub, yet if he had been willing to return to God, acknowledging the Creator’s wisdom, and satisfied to fill the place appointed him in God’s great plan, he would have been reinstated in his office. (*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 39)
Godlikeness—is the goal to be reached. Before the student there is opened a path of continual progress. He has an object to achieve, a standard to attain, that includes everything good, and pure, and noble. He will advance as fast and as far as possible in every branch of true knowledge. But his efforts will be directed to objects as much higher than mere selfish and temporal interests as the heavens are higher than the earth. (Education, pp. 18, 19)
Paul feared lest, having preached to others, he himself should be a castaway. He realized that if he did not carry out in his life the principles he believed and preached, his labors in behalf of others would avail him nothing.
His conversation, his influence, his refusal to yield to self-gratification, must show that his religion was not a profession merely, but a daily, living connection with God. One goal he kept ever before him, and strove earnestly to reach—“the righteousness which is of God by faith.” Philippians 3:9. (*Acts of the Apostles*, p. 314)
It was this singlehearted purpose to win the race for eternal life that Paul longed to see revealed in the lives of the Corinthian believers. He knew that in order to reach Christ’s ideal for them, they had before them a life struggle from which there would be no release. He entreated them to strive lawfully, day by day seeking for piety and moral excellence. He pleaded with them to lay aside every weight and to press forward to the goal of perfection in Christ.  (*Acts of the Apostles*, p. 315)
Oh, let us contemplate the amazing sacrifice that has been made for us! Let us try to appreciate the labor and energy Heaven is expending to reclaim the lost, and bring them back to the Father’s house. Motives stronger, and agencies more powerful, could never be brought into operation,—
the enjoyment of Heaven, the exceeding rewards for right-doing, the society of angels, the communion and love of God and his Son, the elevation and extension of all our powers throughout eternal ages; and it hath not “entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.” Are these not mighty incentives and encouragements to urge us to give our heart’s loving service to our Creator and Redeemer? (Signs of the Times, December 1, 1887)
Says the great deceiver: . . . “Our principal concern is to silence this sect of Sabbathkeepers. . . . We will finally have a law to exterminate all who will not submit to our authority.” —

(Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers, pp. 472, 473, written in 1884)
When Adam and Eve were placed in the beautiful garden, Satan was laying plans to destroy them. In no way could this happy couple be deprived of their happiness if they obeyed God. Satan could not exercise his power upon them unless they should first disobey God and forfeit His favor. Some plan must therefore be devised to lead them to disobedience that they might incur God’s frown and be brought under the more direct influence of Satan and his angels. (Early Writings, pp. 146, 147)