

Weekly Message | 25th December, 2017

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START OVER





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Wa oh; It's countdown to the end of another year, how time flies!! Time indeed flies for those productively busy, those living and not merely existing!! Life is a gift and a very beautiful one for those who know what they want out of it and how to get it. They are living out life; but for those who just wake up and wait around for what life brings to them, they are merely existing. Before we get lost with the festivities in the air, it's worthwhile to address the issue of living versus existing. God's plan for man is to live an abundant life and when man got struck, He provided a way of salvation.

It's a good time to check where we are and: if you happen not to like your answer to yourself, I do challenge you, **DO NOT SETTLE FOR LESS. Plan to start over.** To start over means to begin to do something AGAIN, many times in a DIFFERENT WAY. You may be thinking that you have done this over and over again, and there is nothing new under the surface of the earth... please do not settle for things as they are, if it is less than you expect.. start over! It's ok to do it again, you have learnt from experience by the previous dismal results several ways not to do it, doing it a different way gives you a better chance at success.

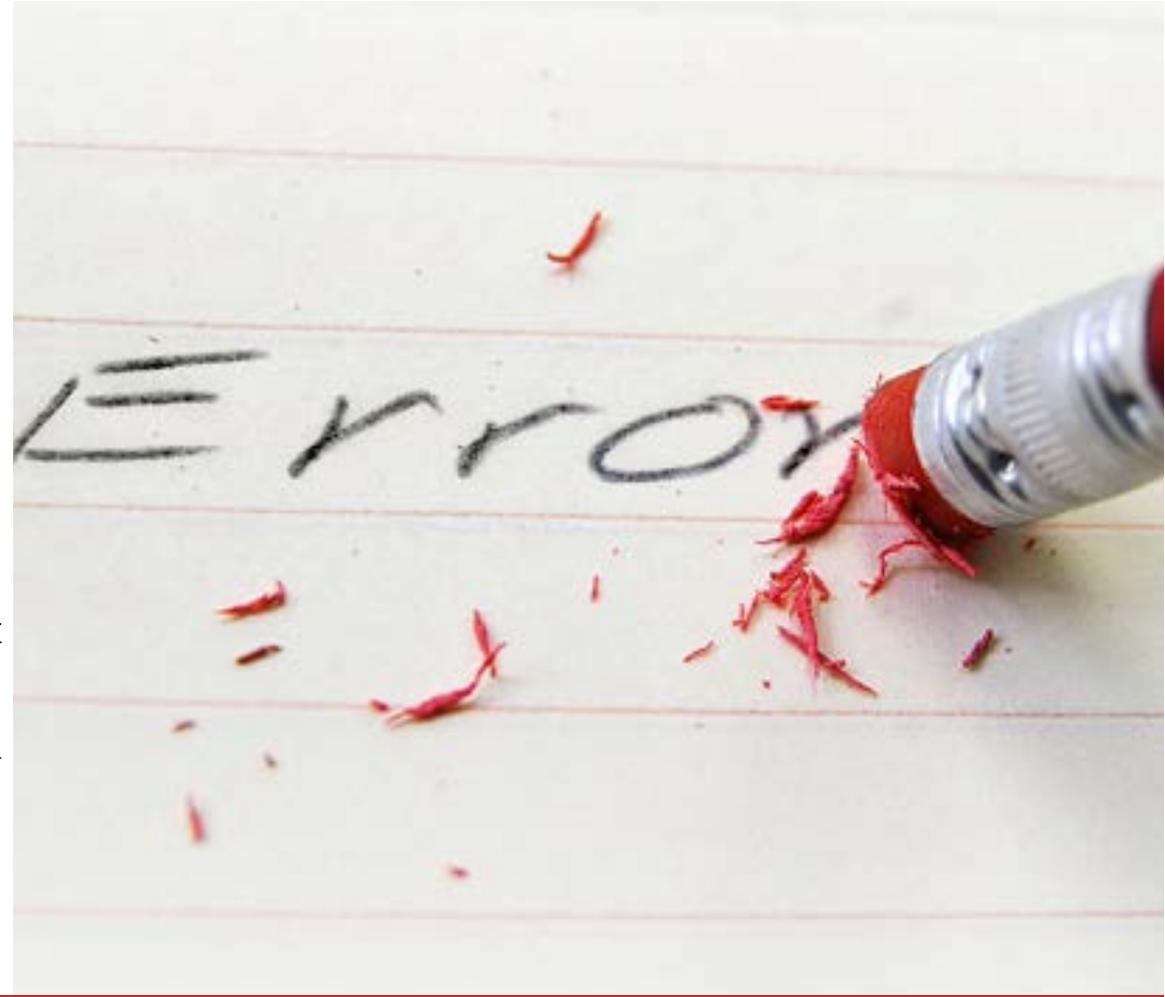
Where you have had a success story, doing it again even if in the same way gives you a chance at repeatable success, and if not why not. In other words, we all at this time should be thinking and planning to start over. Starting over is thus the way for us all to ensure we do not settle for less.

To set ourselves up for a successful start over, we must take time out to plan properly.

The first step would be to review **what has and has not worked for us**. Here our thinking must be 'clinical' with no ifs; where something has worked, it should be obvious with clear and repeated results. Habits, practices , relationships etc that has produced positive results should be part of our start over plans , we must not seek to change the winning team nor fix what is not broken.



Secondly, we must now accept and address what has not worked!! No regrets, nor complaining over spilt milk , it's time to identify the root causes. This is best identified by seeking for similar patterns of failings both from personal and other peoples' experiences. Again, the root causes are identified through not mere suspicions but finding clear proofs to support our discoveries. It is so important as solutions can only be effective once applied to the 'real' problems. Here the start over plans should be new ways to correct the wrong ways of the past.



Lastly, start over plans must consist only a small portion of 'trying new things' .. May be no more than two to three things. Here it is time to be innovative, creative, bold but authentic. These usually turn out to be the tipping points of many start over plans.

I wish you God's speed and good luck!



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