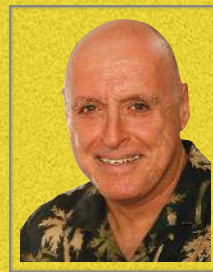


THE EXTRA POINT

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205 Let's Take Inventory on 2018

2018 is almost gone. Hey, I was just getting used to you, do you have to go so soon? I like this year. And now, a new one is just around the corner. Do you think it's a good time to start thinking about that? Let's take our first look, next, on The Extra Point.

If you ask most people what kind of a year 2018 has been for them, you'll likely get a mixed report. Maybe their personal life was good, but the career took a dip, or vice-versa.

You can dig deeper. Maybe you had goals for your marriage, for your kids, and for the family as a unit. How did those go? Did you hit on some but not others?

Would you like to take the goals you fell short on and roll those into 2019, or are you going to revamp them...or are you going to get rid of them and plan something else?

If you and your family had great success in certain areas, can you do more of those things and expand those wins? If so, how? When?

Is there something you thought was going to work out and you really wanted it to happen, but it didn't? Why didn't it? How close were you? Is it still a good idea? Do you still want it? Is it worth the time to do an analysis on why it didn't pan out the way you hoped and expected? If you could answer all those questions and found that you still believe in the value of your initial idea, would you be willing to hit the reset button and try again in 2019? Would others be supportive?

If you're a student or have one in your home and grades aren't meeting expectations, what can be done to change things? Going from failing to passing is usually just a decision. It's the same from a C to a B, and a B to an A. What's in your way that prevent better grades? What will you do about it?

Maybe 2018 was a great year for your career or business. How can you springboard off that success and make next year even better?

Do you think scheduling a conversation with your boss could help bring that process into focus? Would he/she be excited about that and want to help you?

If I used the term "strengthen your strengths," what would that mean for you? What are you already terrific at, that with a little more effort you could achieve legendary status? I know, in our jobs we don't think in "legendary" terms for what we do. But we know that the best performers practice their best moves, what I call their money moves, over and over and over, so they get better and stronger. That's strengthening their strengths. That's what made Michael Jordan legendary. Was he the best at everything? No, just certain things, and those certain things were the ones that really mattered.

So here's my question for you. What are your certain things? What strengths that mattered for you in 2018, do you want to improve upon in 2019?

There's only a month until the calendar kicks over into the new year. Don't wait to take your 2018 inventory and make your plan for an even better 2019. Start now and get what you need lined up and ready to go. 2019 belongs to you. Get after it.

That's The Extra Point. Get out there and make something good happen today. For 93.3 and the Ray Gibson Show, I'm Jerry Roberts.

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