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To thrive is to seek to reach a desired goal.

Spiritual goals are needed to achieve any growth - Church and Individual

The heart is where to start Mathew 15:16-20

Resolutions are goals to improve our quality of life.

Introductory Thoughts

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Desire to Know God's Will

For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the Lord.

No excuse for not knowing the truth - 2 Timothy 3:16-17 - 2 Timothy 2:15.

Must use every means - Private study - Bible Classes - Worship.

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Desire to Obey God's Will

For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the Lord, and to do it - James 1:22 - Matthew 7:21

Truth must be obeyed - Acts 2.

Sinful to know truth and not obey - James 4:17.

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Desired to Teach God's Will

For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the Lord, and to do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments.

This is the nature of a Christian - Matthew 28:18-20

Constant need for Bible teachers and personal workers.

Held accountable to the extent of our abilities.

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If we would follow Ezra's example:

We could make great strides in our own personal growth.

We could make great strides in helping the church grow.

We can help the church "Thrive in '25."

Closing Remarks

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