“A Biblical Approach to 2014”

“We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. 2 Each of us should please our neighbors for their good, to build them up. 7 Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.” Romans 15:1-2, 7

1. Cultivate the highest level of life motivation.
   - some live in order to please themselves
   - some live in order to please others
   - some live in order to please God
   - 2 Corinthians 5:14-15; Philippians 2:3

2. Adopt a biblical outlook concerning neighbors.
   - geographical neighbors
   - circumstantial neighbors
   - divine assignment neighbors
   - Leviticus 19:18; Matthew 5:43-44; Luke 10:29-37

3. Handle conflict redemptively.
   - Shoulder the responsibility of being the strong one not the weak one
   - Be a teddy bear not a grizzly bear
   - learn the secret of building (1 Corinthians 8:1)
   - leverage the love of Christ (Romans 5:8-10; 1 Corinthians 13:4-8)