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Good Intentions!

"...I'm just a soul whose intentions are good...oh, Lord please don't let me be misunderstood" are lyrics from a song written by a man who had a temporary falling-out with his girlfriend; she later became his wife and was listed in the song credits! Nina Simone would become the original artist to record it in 1964. The following year, Eric Burdon lead singer of the Animals pop group, made it famous with a blues-rock rhythm and his gravel toned voice! The emphasis of the song was on being misunderstood -this is an ongoing fact of life, but let's shift the emphasis to 'good intentions'. This too, is part of human nature especially on the cusp of a new year. This is being 'intentional'! Some would say good intentions are not enough and of course, they have to be carried through to fulfillment. The cynic would go much further in his comment!

"...I have it all planned out—plans to take care of you, not abandon you, plans to give you the future you hope for." (Jeremiah 29:11 *The Message*)

This conveys *'intent with purpose'*. God is INTENTIONAL about His love and care for humanity and He too, is misunderstood. His are good intentions, not random, but planned, deliberate, ON PURPOSE!

True intent desires to push back limitations and not run out of steam along the way. It pokes at procrastination, goads us to carry on...carry through to the glorious celebratory elation and satisfaction that comes with it's success.

If our core aim is wrapped up with pure intent, does it really matter if we are misunderstood? In 2014, let's be intentional ...there is something inherently good about good intentions!

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