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THE BEGINNING

"In the beginning God created..." Genesis 1:1

The first five words of the bible are quite interesting to me. It depicts that God is purposeful. I also see something else in these words. It reveals God is innovative, inspired, and motivated and I believe since we are made in His image and after His likeness (Genesis 1:26), we are endowed with these three factors.

We are in the beginning of another new year, it's 2012. This is the first month of that year and this is the fourth day of another beginning day within this New Year. Already the days are swiftly moving by. It is imperative that we all realize our lives should have certain freshness about it, considering that each day is new and contains new mercies. So, I propose that we seek the Lord daily this year on how we can use innovation, inspiration and motivation to fulfill a purposeful life this whole year. It will amaze us what is accomplished this year when we allow the inherent nature of the Lord within us to direct our path.

The beginning for us will unfold into the created being God has called us to be. It's worth it to embark on the challenge of a purposeful life since we can be confident in God to order our steps. That means we must commit to allowing Him to be the leader and we be the follower. **Be innovative (open to new methods), inspired (divinely influenced by God's Spirit) and motivated (incited to action) as we begin 2012! God is with You!!!**

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