

happy

# NEW YEAR



## New Year's Eve Stats



1. At midnight, 2000 lbs of confetti are dropped on the crowd.
2. Close to 1 billion people around the world watch on TV.
3. The Times Square Ball has 32,000 LED lights
4. 360 million glasses of sparkling wine are consumed during the holiday season.
5. Only 22% of people admit to falling asleep before midnight.

information provided by <http://www.history.com/topics/holidays/new-years/interactives/new-years-by-the-numbers>

## The Best Chili on Earth!



I don't know about you, but this time of year I want CHILI! Just looking at that picture makes me want to sit on the couch with a blanket and turn on some football.

If you want to try this recipe, click [here](#) for the link. I will be at the office M-F and you can drop me a bowl off there. Or you could just email me your favorite chili recipes!

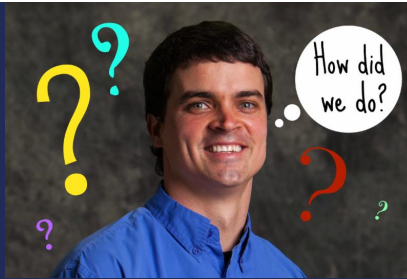
## Deep Thoughts



I can remember 2016, almost like it was yesterday. As I sit here reflecting, I can't help but to think of forgiveness. Believe it or not, when I was 16, I was a crazy, punk kid. I'd trash talk, back talk and trash talk some more. I also wasn't the best employee either back in the day. Throughout the years, the more I began to grow spiritually, the more my past began to haunt me. I finally decided I needed to fess up to my former employer and tell him my story. As I sat there nervously, putting it all out there, he puts his hand out across the table, shook my hand and told me I was forgiven. I could let that boulder go. I can't even begin to tell you how I felt. A huge weight was lifted that day for me. I am sharing this because forgiveness is such a blessing we can offer to others. It can transform lives. 1 John Chap 1:9 says, "if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." Out with the old and in with the new, which is exactly how I want to start the new year!

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1 year

365 possibilities

"A year from now you may have wished you would had started today."

-Karen Lamb

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