

# Living for God's Son in 2021

## Introduction

✓ **As we begin a new year as a child of God we need to focus on things that we can do daily as we live for Christ.**

### **1. Hold fast.**

Hebrews 10:22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

1 Corinthians 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

### **2. Assemble regularly.**

Hebrews 10:24-25 And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

### **3. Pray everyday.**

James 5:16 Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

1 Thessalonians 5:17 pray without ceasing,

#### **4. Prepare our heart.**

Ezra 7:10 For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the Law of the LORD, and to do it, and to teach statutes and ordinances in Israel.

Amos 4:12 "Therefore thus will I do to you, O Israel; Because I will do this to you, Prepare to meet your God, O Israel!"

#### **5. Yield not.**

Matthew 26:41 Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

#### **6. Neglect not opportunities.**

Galatians 6:10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

#### **7. Exercise ourselves.**

1 Timothy 4:7-8 But reject profane and old wives' fables, and exercise yourself toward godliness. For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come.

Hebrews 5:12-14 For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

## **8. Work diligently.**

Titus 3:1 Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to obey, to be ready for every good work,

Nehemiah 4:6 So we built the wall, and the entire wall was joined together up to half its height, for the people had a mind to work.

## **9. Be instruments of righteousness.**

Romans 6:13 And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.

Romans 6:16-18 Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness? But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

## **10. Examine ourselves.**

2 Corinthians 13:5 Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you are disqualified.

Galatians 6:4 But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.

2 Corinthians 10:12 For we dare not class ourselves or compare ourselves with those who commend themselves. But they, measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.

## **11. Aim at perfection.**

Hebrews 6:1 Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God,

Colossians 3:14 But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.

Matthew 5:48 Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.

## **12. Redeem the time.**

Ephesians 5:16 redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

Colossians 4:5 Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time.

## **Conclusion**

- 1. There were many things associated with this past year of 2020 which made it one that will not always be looked upon fondly in our own lives.**
  - A. However, we can and should learn valuable lessons from years gone by.**
    - 1) 2020 has been a year that has made me be more appreciative of the things I have and the things that I may have often taken for granted.**
- 2. May we all strive to make this year the best year we have ever had spiritually as we **live for God's Son in 2021!****

# Invitation

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