

The Vincennes Voice

“...The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight...” (Matt. 3:3)

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SOME THINGS TO DO IN 2022

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The Lord God has blessed us by allowing entrance to the year 2022. The following list is offered in hope your new year will be one of great progress. Here are some things to “do” in 2022!

1) Do Hunger And Thirst After Righteousness.

Jesus commanded those who wish to be “filled” will “hunger and thirst after righteousness” (Matt. 5:6). In 2022, be “nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine” (I Tim. 4:6). Do not read books about the Bible, but the Bible itself!

2) Do Good To Them That Hate You. As hard as it sounds, Jesus ordered, “Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you” (Matt. 5:44). Though we have no enemies of our own making, there may be others who wish to mistreat and malign us. Jesus instructed, “Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall

say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake” (Matt. 5:11). In 2022, “Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good” (Rom. 12:21).

3. Do Obey Him.

Several new followers of Jesus witnessed the healing of a possessed man and said, “What thing is this? what new doctrine is this? for with authority commandeth he even the unclean spirits, and they do obey him” (Mk. 1:27). They were amazed an evil spirit would obey Jesus. If an evil spirit obeys the Lord, certainly we should as well. James remarked, “Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble” (Jam. 2:19). In 2022, be the friend of Jesus and “do whatsoever” He commands (Jn. 15:14).

4. Do Them Good. As Jesus was being anointed, He said, “For ye have the poor with you always, and whensoever ye will ye may do them good: but me ye have not always” (Mk. 14:7). Jesus was

simply pointing out He would soon be leaving. He also pointed out the need to care for the poor. They are always among us. The wise man reminded, “Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it. Say not unto thy neighbour, Go, and come again, and to morrow I will give; when thou hast it by thee” (Prov. 3:27-28). In 2022, keep a special eye on those who are less fortunate and in need of assistance, and come to their aid in their time of need.

5. Do Always Those Things That Please Him.

Jesus uttered, “When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things. And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him” (Jn. 8:28-29). Pleasing the Lord should always be our utmost concern. So it was with Paul. He wrote, “For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I

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seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ” (Gal. 1:10). Later he would tell the Thessalonians, “But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts” (I Thess. 2:4). In 2022, strive to please God, not man.

6) Do Works Meet For Repentance. In talking to Agrippa, Paul commented, *“I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision: But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance” (Acts 26:19-20). Repentance is a change of mind which leads to a change of conduct, such as witnessed in Matthew 21:28-30. True, godly repentance is accompanied by behavior changes, or works which prove repentance has occurred. This is what the Son of God had in mind when saying, *“Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance” (Matt. 3:8). In**

2022, be determined to first, make the necessary changes in your life, and then show works proving the change.

7. Do Mortify The Deeds Of The Body. Paul cautioned, *“For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live” (Rom. 8:13). Sin has pleasure, and of this there is no doubt. The Hebrew writer confirmed this by mentioning *“the pleasures of sin” (Heb. 11:25). Though this is true, we are to halt any sinful deeds in which we are involved. The Colossians were told, “Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry” (Col. 3:5). In 2022, seek and destroy those deeds which cause division from God.**

8. Do Rejoice. In making a list of Christian activities, Paul said, *“Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep” (Rom. 12:15). Some disciples*

seem to never be happy. In fact, they look for reasons, or actually generate reasons to be upset. The Bible commands, *“Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice” (Php. 4:4). Christians are the happiest people on the globe. In 2022, commit to being happier and more joyful. Your life will be the better for it!*

9. Do All In The Name Of The Lord Jesus. The Colossian brethren were directed, *“And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him” (Col. 3:17). To do something in somebody’s name is to do it by their authority (Acts 4:7). Whatever we teach and preach, and whatever we practice as His people must be authorized by the Lord and His Word. Philip spoke about the authority of Jesus according to Acts 8:12. Too many today ignore the need for authority in religion, and go about establishing their own sets of standards (Rom. 10:1-3). In 2022, be satisfied with doing that which is authorized by the Lord.*

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WEDNESDAY

Bible Study – 7:00 pm