



# WEEKLY SERMON

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In Psalm 121:1-8 we read, “I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. (2) My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth. (3) He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.(4) Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. (5) The LORD is thy keeper: the LORD is thy shade upon thy right hand. (6) The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. (7) The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul. (8) The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore. ”

It's hard to believe that another year has become history. What awaits us during this coming year of 2024, in our personal lives, in our families, in our church, and in our nation on the national scene as well as on the international scene only God knows. However it is good that we take heed to His instructions “**to occupy until he comes.**” Therefore I do hope and pray that the Lord will be at the center of all you do.

Whether your feet be mired in the mud of some unexpected valley or scaling the precipitous heights of some great mountain, whether it be in the brightness of noonday or in the darkness of midnight, whether in sickness or in health, whether you have much or little, stay true, stay on track, stay excited, and stay at the task God has given. **Honor Him, walk with Him and serve Him every day.**

From time to time for the first week of the year we set aside the **Weekly SERMON** to give you a challenge for the coming year. For the next few minutes would you put aside what you are doing pull up a chair and focus on these **TWELVE New Year's** suggestions.

**First:** Search the Scriptures daily; read it systemically and devotionally.

In **Acts 17:11**, we read of the people at Thessalonica that they “...**received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily whether those things were so.**”

In **Psalm 119:105** we read, “**Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.**” The Word of God provides a guide to our daily walk of life. The Word of God stabilizes our walk through life.

In **Psalm 119:11** we read, “**Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against thee.**” One cannot live victoriously in the Christian life without reading the Word of God. You must read it, study it, search it, and memorize it to keep you from sin, or if you neglect it then sin will keep you from the Word of God.

Throughout 2024 the challenge is to read your Bible daily and then get down on your knees and let it search your heart.

I remind you of Psalms 119:165, “**Great peace have they which love thy law, and nothing shall offend thee.**”

Jesus said in John 5:39 “**Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life, and they are thy which testify of me.**”

**Second:** Pray a lot! Pray and expect to get answers from God.

Jeremiah 33:3 is perhaps one of the most challenging verses in the Bible on the subject of prayer, **"Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knoweth not."**

Then in Ephesians 3:20 we read, **"Now unto Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think..."**

Finally in I Thessalonians 5:17 we read, **"Pray without ceasing."**

There ought to be **DAILY** prayer on the part of each and every believer. Praying is a full time job. We ought to pray and in our prayers expect to get answers from God. May I challenge you during 2024 to have a daily prayer life! There is so much to pray for, personally, family, church souls, missionaries and the ministry.

**Third:** Witness every day and try to win the ones to whom you witness. You can win souls if you work at it.

In Mark 15:16 Jesus commanded us, **"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."** Soul winning is every Christian's responsibility, every day in every situation.

It is the church's primary responsibility for in Acts 2:47 we read, **"And the Lord added to the church DAILY such as should be saved."**

Then in Acts 5:42 we read, **"And DAILY in the temple, and in every house (there is your visitation), they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ."**

Oh we must witness as never before. We must reach out and win souls. There are literally thousands of people who are dying and going to hell without any gospel witness.

**Fourth:** Make church the hub of your life. Have your family in church every Sunday morning, Sunday night and Wednesday night and let nothing and nobody discourage you from doing so. In Hebrews 10:24-25 we read, **"And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: (25) Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. "**

**Fifth:** Tithe! Give the Lord His portion of your income! You cannot out give Him. So be obedient in your stewardship. In I Corinthians 16:1-2 we read, **"Now concerning the collection for the saints.... (2) Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come. "**

**Sixth:** Believe God about everything. Have faith in Him; trust Him. Proverbs 3:5-6 tells us to, **"Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. (6) In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. "**

**Seventh:** Keep a good spirit in you. Rejoice! Let the joy of the Lord dominate your countenance. In Philippians 4:4 we read, **"Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say REJOICE."** Spend a little time each day, rejoicing in the Lord, praising the Lord for the BIG things and even the little blessings in life that He so graciously gives to you.

**Eighth:** Serve! Find a place to plug yourself into the Lord's work. Do something in which you invest yourself in the Lord's work.

**Ninth:** Keep short accounts with God. Stay in a good relationship. Use I John 1:7-10 as often as necessary, but keep things right. **"But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. (8) If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. (9) If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (10) If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us."**

**Tenth:** Build strong relationships with strong Christians. Run with the right crowd and learn from them. Don't imitate weakness; let strength be your model.

**Eleventh:** Find a mentor. Find someone who you can be accountable to and who will help you grow in your walk with the Lord. I'm not talking about hero worship, but a mentor of stature whose track record is well established, clean and obviously faithful.

**Twelveth:** Keep looking expectantly to the sky! Maranatha, indeed, the Lord is coming - when, we do not know, but it could be sometime soon! With both hands on the plow (at work), keep one eye glancing upward in anticipation of His promised coming! I know these passages are in the context of Jesus coming in the revelation for Israel at the end of the tribulation, but nevertheless they can apply to us.

In Matthew 24:26 we read, "**But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.**"

In Matthew 24:44 Jesus says, "**Therefore be ye also ready; for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.**"

Live every day, literally live every hour, as if Jesus would come at that moment.

May these suggestions contribute to a full agenda and a fruitful plan for all of us in 2024.

If possible during 2024, would you please consider helping us in this faith ministry? Even though we do not charge for the ministry, there are expenses. Your donation will help us continue to "**stand in the gap**" in "**teaching others also.**" After you have given your tithes to your church and taken care of your pastor, would you consider giving a one-time yearly gift, or a monthly offering? **Remember for the purpose of financial accountability, we have placed this ministry under the Trinity Baptist Church. Checks made out to Trinity Baptist Church, memo to Bible Baptist Ministry and mailed to Bible Baptist Ministry 14 United Zion Circle, Lititz, PA 17543 will be given to our ministry.**

Sin is expensive, incredibly expensive. But the price isn't paid in cash, it's paid in **MENTAL, EMOTIONAL, and SPIRITUAL** pain. God didn't create an arbitrary list of "DO's" and DON'Ts" to see if we could follow them. No, He laid out a set of essential guidelines for living. His anger towards lying, stealing, cheating, coveting, murder, jealousy, and pride is because all of these behaviors destroy relationships. Everything that the Bible labels as sin is something that God is trying to protect us from. His desire is love, peace, grace, and harmony with Him and with all of creation. Sin is our defiant rejection of these qualities in an effort to satisfy our own selfish desires. Remember – "**Be sure your sin will find you out, and once it does there is a price to pay!**"

In *His* Amazing Grace  
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Do you have the assurance that one day you will go to heaven? If you have no assurance that you know Jesus Christ, then I trust you will decide to accept Him as your personal Savior. The Bible tells us in:

Acts 16:31, "**...Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved...**"

Romans 10:13, "**For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.**"

This prayer is here for those who need to ask Jesus to be their personal Savior: "**I do want to go to Heaven. I know I am a sinner, and I do believe Jesus Christ died for me. I realize I cannot buy this great salvation, nor can I earn it. Knowing Jesus died on the cross and arose from the grave to pay my sin debt and to purchase my salvation, I do now trust Him as my Savior, and from this moment on I am completely depending on Him for my salvation.**"

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