

January 8, 2017  
John 13:15

## JUST LIKE JESUS

### I. Introduction:

Jesus said, "I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you." John 13:15

"Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did." I John 2:6

### II. Why Did Jesus Develop Godly Habits?

Not to get the approval of \_\_\_\_\_  
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Not to feel better about \_\_\_\_\_  
But to get \_\_\_\_\_ to do God's will

### III. The Godly Habits of Jesus

1. \_\_\_\_\_:  
**Spend Time In Prayer**

"But Jesus often **withdrew** to lonely places and **prayed**."  
"Luke 5:16

"Jesus took Peter, John, and James **with him** and went up onto a mountain and **prayed**." Luke 9:28

"Then little children were brought to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and **pray for them**." Matthew 19:13

"...Jesus went out to a **mountainside to pray**." Luke 6:12

2. \_\_\_\_\_:  
**Spend Time Alone**

"But Jesus often withdrew to **lonely places** and prayed."  
Luke 5:16

Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to **a solitary place**, where he prayed. Mark 1:35

3. \_\_\_\_\_:  
**Make Close Friends**

“He appointed twelve **that they might be with him** and that he might send them out to preach.” Mark 3:14

Then he said to them, “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. **Stay here and keep watch with me.**” Matthew 26:38

4. \_\_\_\_\_:  
**Get Outside Your Circle**

8 times Jesus is criticized for being with “tax collectors and sinners” (i.e. Luke 5:30)

He also interacts with the Samaritan woman, lepers, little children, rich rulers, Pharisees, Roman Centurions, and many more.

5. \_\_\_\_\_:  
**Go To Church**

He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, **as was his custom.**” Luke 4:16

6. \_\_\_\_\_:  
**Internalize The Bible**

Over 30 times Jesus answers a question or temptation with “It is written....”

7. \_\_\_\_\_:  
**Live on Purpose**

They tried to keep him from leaving them. But he said, “I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because **that is why I was sent.**” Luke 4:42-43

## **Daily Meditations:**

### **Monday**

Please read again the scripture verses related to spending time in prayer.

How important is it for us to imitate the private life of Jesus? How well do your present prayer habits match those of Jesus.? Why do you think Jesus spent the night in prayer before choosing His disciples?

Thank the Lord that He hears and answers prayers.

### **Tuesday**

Please read again the verses related to spending time alone.

What do you like or dislike about being alone? What is most difficult for you to spending time alone with Jesus? What was Jesus response to His popularity? Following Jesus example, what can you do this week to spend more time with our Lord?

Thank the Lord that He is always near and always takes delight in spending time with His children.

### **Wednesday**

Please read again the verses related to making close friends.

By what criteria do you choose your close friends? What qualities do you think are important for a person who is a leader in the church? What kind of help would others get from you if they called in the middle of the night? How can you be a better friend to today to someone who is going through a difficult situation?

Thank God that he loved us and calls us his friends.

## Thursday

Jesus often spent time with the social “outcast” of His day.

Why was Jesus comfortable at with people whom others had rejected? How can you reach out in the days to come others who are neglected and ignored?

Thank the Lord that He is a friend of sinners and that He sent his son to die on the cross to forgive us sinners.

## Friday

Please read Luke 4:16.

What did Jesus customarily do on the Sabbath? The average church member attends church 1.7 times a month. Would you consider this a regular attender? What keeps people from attending church regularly? How could you improve your habit of regular church attendance?

Thank God that He is the Lord of the Sabbath. Pray that you will develop the habit of consistent church attendance.

## Saturday

Jesus memorized and often quoted scripture.

How can developing the habit of scripture memory help you in your walk with the Lord? How can memorizing Scripture help in combatting temptation? What role does God’s Word play in resisting temptation? What steps can you take this week to memorize one verse of scripture that will help you walk closer to Jesus?

Thank God for His Word and power it gives to overcome temptation.

***“The one who looks steadily at God’s perfect law... and makes that law his HABIT – not listening and then forgetting, but actively putting it into practice will be happy in all that he does.”  
James 1:25 (Philips Translation)***