

January 1, 2023  
John 13:15

## DEVELOPING GODLY HABITS FOR 2023

### 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 With 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

***“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)***