

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 _____
Not to get the approval of _____
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)***