

Reasons to Celebrate Christmas - Fellowship with Friends- Acts 2:42-47
Preparing for: Living in the Will of God
Ephesians 5:17

January's Memory Verses – *Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these. -Mark 12:30-31*

Monday 1/23- Read Ephesians 5:15-21

Tough Question: What does the Lord want me to do?

Truth: *Don't act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do.* Ephesians 5:17 (NLT)

Meditate: Read Ephesians 5:15 – *So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise.*

Prayer: Father, your will for me is that I live in wisdom. Teach me your ways that I might live in your wisdom and truth.

Action: Join a small group learn how to put God's Word into practice.

What God is telling me:

Tuesday 1/24- Read Ephesians 5:17-18

Tough Question: How can I live in God's will?

Truth: Be filled or controlled by the Holy Spirit to live in God's will.

Meditate: Read Galatians 5:22-23- These are the results of being controlled by the Spirit and living in God's will.

Prayer: Father God, the results of living in your will and being controlled by your Holy Spirit are priceless.

Action: Avoid being controlled by the stimulants of this world and surrender control of my life to the Spirit.

What God is telling me:

Wednesday 1/25- Read Ephesians 5:17-20

Tough Question: How do I respond to God when I encounter hardships?

Truth: *always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.* Vs. 20

Meditate: Read 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18- *this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus*

Prayer: Lord, thank you for the hope and peace that is found in you that helps me through the hardships of this world.

Action: Be joyful always, pray continually, give thanks to God in all circumstances.

What God is telling me:

Thursday 1/26- Read Ephesians 5:21 & Galatians 5:13-15

Tough Question: How does God want me to act towards others?

Truth: *Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.* Eph. 5:21

Meditate: Read Galatians 5:14- the entire law is summed up in love your neighbor as yourself

Prayer: Lord, you are a God of love and your will for me is to love others because you love them. Help me to learn to love others like you love them and to use your love to love my neighbor.

Action: Let God use me to love others today and every day.

What God is telling me:

Friday 1/27- Read Hebrews 10:35-39

Tough Question: What happens to me if I do God's will?

Truth: *You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised.* Hebrews 10:36

Meditate: Read Hebrews 10:38- *the righteous will live by faith*

Prayer: Lord, my hope is in you. I trust you and want you to direct me in righteousness all the days of my life.

Action: Live by faith to live in God's will.

What God is telling me:
