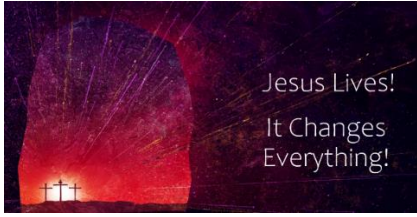


# SERMON NOTES



## Godly Habits Change Us!

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**Change comes with...**

a) Godly \_\_\_\_\_, b) Godly \_\_\_\_\_, and c) Godly \_\_\_\_\_

- *“Every action you take is a vote for the type of person you wish to become. No single instance will transform your beliefs, but as the votes build up, so does the evidence of your new identity. This is one reason why meaningful change does not require radical change. Small habits can make a meaningful difference by providing evidence of a new identity. And if a change is meaningful, it is actually big. That’s the paradox of making small improvements.”*  
— James Clear, *Atomic Habits: An Easy & Proven Way to Build Good Habits & Break Bad Ones*
- *“A nail is driven out by another nail; habit is overcome by habit.”* — Erasmus
- *“We become what we repeatedly do.”* — Sean Covey, *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens: The Ultimate Teenage Success Guide*

Acts 2:42 They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

**1. Habit #1: Regular \_\_\_\_\_ to Scripture!**

**a. We need \_\_\_\_\_.**

- *1 Peter 1:18 For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. 20 He was chosen before the creation of the world but was revealed in these last times for your sake. 21 Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.*

**b. We need \_\_\_\_\_.**

- *1 Peter 2:1 Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. 2 Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, 3 now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.*

- *2 Peter 3:17 Therefore, dear friends, since you already know this, be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of lawless men and fall from your secure position. 18 But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.*

## **2. Habit #2: Regular \_\_\_\_\_ with the Lord and Others!**

### **a. We need \_\_\_\_\_.**

- *Matthew 26:26 While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body." 27 Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. 28 This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.*

### **b. We need \_\_\_\_\_.**

- *1 Corinthians 12:27 Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.*
- *Hebrews 10:23 Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. 25 Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*

## **3. Habit #3: Regular \_\_\_\_\_ in Prayer!**

### **a. We need the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.**

- *Luke 5:15 Yet the news about him spread all the more, so that crowds of people came to hear him and to be healed of their sicknesses. 16 But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.*
- *Daniel 6:10 Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before. 11 Then these men went as a group and found Daniel praying and asking God for help.*

### **b. We need the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.**

- *Acts 12:5 So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him. 6 The night before Herod was to bring him to trial, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries stood guard at the entrance. 7 Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him up. "Quick, get up!" he said, and the chains fell off Peter's wrists.*

**What is one habit action you can take in each of these areas:**

- Connection to Scripture:
- Communion with the Lord & Others:
- Communication in prayer:

**Everyone Outreach Witness Idea:** Habits that you establish create positive change. When someone notices the positive change, be ready to share and invite them into your godly habits!

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*"I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. John 11:25-26*

**MY PERSONAL NOTES**

## **SERMON REFLECTIONS: Apply to My Life**

**The thought the Spirit is leading me to focus on is:**

**The change the Spirit is leading me to work on is:**

**The action the Spirit is prompting me to take is:**

**My prayers today are:**

**Someone I would like to bless with today's message:**