

Seven Practices for 2022
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Introduction: The beginning of the New Year affords a fresh start. But let us base our commitments on the Understanding that unless Jesus does the work in us, our intentions and efforts are in vain.

1. Love What God Loves.

The Scripture is clear about what God loves- People, Righteousness, Justice, Mercy, Worship, Our Attention, etc.

2. Hate What God Hates.

The scripture is also clear about what God Hates-Sin and all of its manifestations, such as Injustice, Rebellion, Destroyed Lives, Broken Homes, Death and Destruction, Etc.

3. Share what God has done in your Life.

Share your Testimony.

4. Spend Quality Time with Jesus.

Regular times of devotion (Prayer coupled with scripture reading and reflection on God's Word, listening).

Position yourself to be where Jesus can flood His mercies into your life.

Remember that Jesus is a constant gardener and that pruning goes on despite the season we are in. God continues the Mortification Process (the weakening of sin in us) until the day that we see Him face to face.

5. Repeat what God has Decreed.

Ex-Psalm 2:7-8.

Cry out to God.

6. Allow Others to Enter your World.

Find two people to pray and share God's Word with at least once a week.

7. Minister Grace to those around you.

Listen to what people are saying, sense their needs, be engaged.