

THE BELLEVILLE MESSENGER

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2023

Spiritual ABC's For 2023

As we begin another New Year, let's consider some spiritual ABC's for 2023.

Add to your faith. (2 Peter 1:5-11)

Be brave and be strong. (1 Corinthians 16:13)

Care for one another. (1 Corinthians 12:25)

Do our share. (Ephesians 4:16)

Endure hardship. (2 Timothy 2:3)

Forgive one another. (Ephesians 4:32)

Grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord. (2 Pet. 3:18)

Honor all people. (1 Peter 2:17)

Increase and abound in love. (1 Thessalonians 3:12-13)

Judge with righteous judgment. (John 7:24)

Keep the Lord's commandments. (John 14:15)

Love the Lord thy God with thy all. (Mark 12:30)

Mind your own business. (1 Thessalonians 4:11)

Never grow weary while doing good. (Galatians 6:9)

Obey God rather than men. (Acts 5:29)

Pray without ceasing. (1 Thessalonians 5:17)

Quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord. (Lam. 3:26)

Rejoice in the Lord always. (Philippians 4:4)

Seek first the kingdom of God. (Matthew 6:33)

Teach others. (2 Timothy 2:24-26)

Understand the will of the Lord. (Ephesians 5:17)

Visit your brethren. (Acts 15:36)

Walk worthy of the Lord. (Colossians 1:10)

Exercise thyself toward godliness. (1 Timothy 4:7)

Yield not to temptation. (James 1:12)

Be Zealous for good works. (Titus 2:14)

Please consider these spiritual ABC's for 2023, and I encourage all of us to strive to make proper application of them as we begin this New Year!

✍️ Brad Phillips

What Can I Do In The Coming Year?

Many times Christians feel as though there is nothing they can do to positively assist in the work of the church. This, of course, is a huge mistake. There is something for everyone to do. Let us suggest these things that EVERY member of the local congregation can do that will help our collective service for the Lord:

1. You can read your Bible every day. There are few things that can compare to regular Bible reading when it comes to strengthening the soul and maintaining focus on spiritual priorities. What are you waiting for? Make the commitment right NOW to read your Bible this year.

2. You can attend the services faithfully. We all push ourselves to do certain things. We'll go to real extremes to attend family gatherings, keep a doctor's appointment, go to a ballgame, have a regular time at the beauty shop, etc. Unfortunately, some are not nearly so determined to attend worship services and Bible studies. If you can get out for other things, why can't you get out for services? Think! You can really help by simply being present.

3. You can pray fervently. Do you consistently spend time in prayer every day? Pray for the church, for the elders, for those who are weak, for our work in reaching the lost, etc. "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:16).

4. You can invite a neighbor, co-worker, or family

member to attend the services with you. You might be surprised how many would be willing to come with you if you simply invited them.

5. You can set a good example. Don't forget that others are watching everything you do, everything you say, everywhere you go. If you let down, even once, they will notice it, and your influence will be damaged. Be conscious of your impact by way of your example.

6. You can be positive and enthusiastic. Too many are "doom and gloom" Christians, always looking for negative things to complain about. Look up! Be thankful for what you have and excited about what you can do for God's glory.

✍ Greg Gwin

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Schedule of Services

Sunday Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	4:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study	7:00 p.m.

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