



Do You Know ~~About~~ Jesus? (Part 4)

7 Fundamental Questions for Becoming More Effective in 2022

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SERIES TEXT: Eternal life is to know you, the only true God, and TO KNOW JESUS CHRIST, the one you sent." - Jesus, John 17:3 CEV

SERIES BIG IDEA: Knowing Jesus is the key to knowing eternal hope, joy and peace in your life.

7 FUNDAMENTAL QUESTIONS FOR BECOMING MORE EFFECTIVE IN 2022

I. WILL I MAKE KEY ATTITUDE DECISIONS IN ADVANCE?

YOUR ATTITUDE SHOULD BE THE SAME AS THAT OF CHRIST JESUS. Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death – even death on a cross! Philippians 2:5-8 NIV

HUMILITY 101: ~~Offer your opinion and don't listen.~~

II. WILL I LIVE SELFLESSLY?

"In humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others." Philippians 2:3-4

"And he said to all, 'If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.'" Luke 9:23

III. WILL I SEEK SELF-AWARENESS?

"Don't pick on people, jump on their failures, criticize their faults – unless, of course, you want the same treatment. That critical spirit has a way of boomeranging. It's easy to see a smudge on your neighbor's face and be oblivious to the ugly sneer on your own. Do you have the nerve to say, 'Let me wash your face for you,' when your own face is distorted by contempt? It's this whole traveling road-show mentality all over again, playing a holier-than-thou part instead of just living your part. Wipe that ugly sneer off your own face, and you might be fit to offer a washcloth to your neighbor."

Matthew 7:1-5 MSG

3 Self-Awareness Questions:

- 1) Do I have milk in my beard?
- 2) Do others perceive me as being loving or judging?
- 3) Do I have a "Jethro" to speak into my life?

Moses' father-in-law replied, "What you are doing is not good."

Exodus 18:17 NIV

IV. WILL I STOP WHEN HEADED IN THE WRONG DIRECTION?

We serve a God who is big enough to course correct us.

"Although the Lord gives you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, your teachers will be hidden no more; with your own eyes you will see them. Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it." Isaiah 30:20 NIV

V. WILL I DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN HEALTHY HABITS?

Now we speak to you, brothers and sisters, to respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other. And we urge you, brothers and sisters, warn those who are idle, encourage the timid, help the weak, be patient with everyone. Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always try to be kind to each other and to everyone else. Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for THIS IS GOD'S WILL FOR YOU IN CHRIST JESUS.
1 Thessalonians 5:12-18 NIV

VI. WILL I DO THE RIGHT THING REGARDLESS OF THE CONTEXT?

It's important to do what's right even when it's difficult, expensive or inconvenient.

VII. WILL I DEPEND ON GOD?

"With man this is impossible, but with GOD all things are POSSIBLE." - Jesus,
Matthew 19:26 NIV

I work and struggle so hard, DEPENDING ON CHRIST'S MIGHTY POWER that works within me. Colossians 1:29 NLT