

Our Biblical Strategy for the New Year of 2023

Scriptures:

☆ Philippians 4:4-7

☆ 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

#1 ~ Quit _____!

#2 ~ Rejoice Always!

#3 ~ _____ Without Ceasing!

#4 ~ Give _____ In Everything!



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- Quit Complaining** ~ Just stop! If it's a habit – break it!
- Start Rejoicing** ~ ALWAYS! Without exception! On all occasions. Look for the good.
- Pray Without Ceasing** ~ Continuously! Talk to God about every detail of your life & trust Him. God's got this!
- Give Thanks** ~ In Everything! In the big thing & the little things. Believe that God is up to something good!
- Make a Faith Decision** ~ Prayerfully place my **faith** in Jesus Christ, God's Son, by **recognizing Him** as my personal **Lord** and **Savior** and by asking and receiving the forgiveness of my sins.
- Reflect on Acts 16:1-34** ~ Make a list and count the reasons Paul might have had to get discouraged. Consider the positive things God was doing in spite of the circumstances and write them down. What was Paul & Silas' response?

“Digging Deeper” ~ Home Study:

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✘ Life has not been easy for many of us!

✘ We have every reason to feel despair and discouragement, anger and frustration, fear & worry! But there's another way... **A _____ Way!**

"Rejoice Always!"

The Scriptural Basis for This Strategy & Response To Life's Circumstances:

#1 ~ When you think you have it _____ - Someone else probably has it _____!

☆ So what are we to do? _____ in Tribulation!!! (Hebrews 11; Romans 5:1-5; 12:13; 2 Cor. 1:3-11; 7:4; 2 Thess. 1:3-5, 11-12)



Message Talk Sheet (Continued...)

#2 ~ God's people are not taught to be _____... but to Rejoice Always!

☆ Is there a time for remorse, sadness, weeping and mourning? Answer: _____!

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☆ But God does not intend for His children to sit around bemoaning their circumstances or whining about their plight in life.

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☆ More Scripture: Numbers 14:26-30; 1 Corinthians 10:1-11; Philippians 2:14-18 ~ "Do all things without _____!"



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☆ Not in a phony way or to just pretend... this would void multiple Scriptural accounts (John 11:35; Luke 22:44; Job 9:27)

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☆ Scripture: Philippians 4:4-7 / Philippians 4:8-9

☆ God's people have a reason to Rejoice - _____!



✘ A _____ is Born! (Luke 2:10-14)

✘ Our King has Come! (Zechariah 9:9)

✘ A Lord is Risen! (Matthew 28:9)

✘ Our God Omnipotent _____! (Revelation 19:6-7; 12:10-12)

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