

Today's Theme

# "Building A Happy New Year"

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## Ideas On Building a Better 2022

### 1. Be *certain* you know Jesus.

(1) *Learn* what Jesus has *done* for you.

(2) *Lock* in *heaven* for your future.

Rom 5:8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Ephesians 2:4 But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, 5 made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. 6 And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,

### 2. Be *ready* & *willing* to follow Jesus.

(1) *Follow* Him no matter what the *cost*.

(2) *Grab* hold of Truth - *Real* Truth.

Luke 9:23 Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.

Jn 14:6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Mark 13:31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

### 3. Be *willing* to *Love yourself* well.

(1) Live *healthy* eat as *clean* as you can.

(2) Build *muscle* by *working* out.

(3) Take care of *you* with a *purpose*.

Matt 22:39 And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

Ja 2:8 If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing right.

### 4. Be *kind* & *forgiving* towards others.

(1) Even if you *don't* want to be.

(2) *Forgive* unceasingly - You & others *need* it.

Eph 4:32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, Col 3:13 Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

John 13:34 "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

### 5. Be *thankful* by *trusting* God.

(1) We're called to *love* & *serve* others.

(2) *Only* the *thankful* love & serve God.

Col 3:15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

### 6. Be a *wise* & *balanced* person.

(1) Find your *way* to a *generous* life.

(2) Be *reasonable* & *wise* in how you live.

Eph 5:15 Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, 16 making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.

Matt 10:16 "Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves; so be shrewd as serpents and innocent as doves.

1 Thess 4:11 and to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life: You should mind your own business and work with your hands, just as we told you.

### 7. Live with *hope* every *day*.

(1) Know *second chances* are available.

(2) Make *lemonade* out of *lemons*.

Romans 15:13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

2 Corinthians 3:12 Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold.