

3 GOALS FOR 2022

1/5/22

- * Tonight -- Opportunity to Give a Bible Study
 - * Topic -- "3 Goals for 2022"
 - * For the record -- I do not stress the habit of people setting what is called "new year's resolutions" -- (I am neither for the habit or against the habit)
 - * However -- I believe that we should be regularly setting goals for our Christian walk
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1. GIVING

Matt. 6:1-4 Jesus taught disciples to give alms privately
1 not to be seen by people
2 do not sound a trumpet -- that's what the
hypocrites did in the synagogue and in the streets -- to receive glory
from people
3 do not let your left hand know what your right
 hand is doing
4 charitable deeds in secret -- your Father will
 reward you
Luke 10:27-37 who is your neighbor?
Luke 11:41 give alms of such things as you have
Luke 12:33 sell what you have and give alms
Luke 14:12-14 repaid at the resurrection of the just
Matt. 19:20-21 give to the poor
Matt. 25:37-40 helping the needy

2. PRAYING

Matt. 6:5-15 Jesus taught disciples to pray privately
5 hypocrites pray in the synagogue and in the
streets -- to be seen by people
6 pray to your Father in a secret place
7-8 no vain repetitions -- don't be like them
9-13 a pattern
 * our Father
 * hallow His name
 * His kingdom come
 * His will be done
 * daily needs
 * receiving forgiveness -- as we forgive
 * deliverance from temptation
 * kingdom, power and glory -- forever
14-15 emphasizing the forgiveness

3. FASTING

Matt. 6:16-18 Jesus taught disciples to fast privately
16 not like hypocrites -- sad countenance -- to be seen
 by people
17-18 anoint your head and wash your face -- so that
 your Father sees
Isaiah 58:6-7 a fast chosen by God
 * to loose the bands of wickedness
 * to undo the heavy burdens
 * to let the oppressed go free
 * to break every yoke
 * to share your bread with the hungry
 * to bring the poor to your house
 * to cover the naked
 * not hide from family that needs help