

STAYING FAITHFUL IN 2026.

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INTRO:

A. Resolve to be faithful in 2026.

B. Satan desires that we become unfaithful.

1. 1 Peter 5:8.

2. Luke 22:31 “And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat:”

C. How can we avoid this? (Study, Pray and Worship.)

I. SET ASIDE TIME FOR DAILY BIBLE STUDY.

A. Psalm 119.

1. It can cleanse (vs. 9), quicken (vs. 25), strengthen (vs. 28), confirm and strengthen (vs. 38), comfort (vs. 50), instruct (vs. 98-99), give light (vs. 105), give hope (vs. 114) give peace (vs. 165), and deliver (vs. 170).

2. It can deliver us from sin (vs. 11), give you understanding (vs. 169), and be your meditation all the day long (vs. 97).”

B. Other Scripture also stresses the need for Bible study.

1. Joshua 1:8 “This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous and then thou shalt have good success.”

2. Psalm 1:2 “But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.”

3. Deuteronomy 6:6-9.

C. Resolve to make 2026 a year for learning.

II. FILL EACH DAY WITH PRAYER.

A. Prayer was important to Christ.

1. Luke 5:16 “And he withdrew himself into the wilderness and prayed.”

2. Instituting the Lord’s Supper: Matthew 26:26-27 “And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it;”

3. In the garden: Matthew 26:39 “And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.”

4. Christ saw the need for prayer, how important should it be in our life?

B. The New Testament emphasizes prayer.

1. Romans 12:12 “Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;”

2. Ephesians 6:18 “Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;”

3. Colossians 4:2 “Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving;”

4. 1 Thessalonians 5:17 “Pray without ceasing.”

C. Prayer accomplishes so much (James 5:16).

D. Resolve to make 2026 a year of prayers.

III. MAKE WORSHIP A PRIORITY.

A. We are to be worshipers.

1. **John 4:23-24** “But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.”
2. **Acts 2:42** “And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.”

B. Proper worship is a joy (**Psalm 42:4** “... I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise...”; **Psalm 122:1**).

C. Those who fail to worship, miss a special time to praise the Lord.

D. Make 2026 a year of faithfully worshiping with the saints.

IV. SET OUR AFFECTION ON THINGS ABOVE.

A. **Colossians 3:2** “Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.”

B. **Psalm 119:112** “I have inclined mine heart to perform thy statutes alway, even unto the end.”

C. **Philippians 3:13-14**.

D. **Philippians 1:23**.

E. Resolve to make 2026 a year that we focus of going to heaven.

V. CONCLUSION:

A. We can go to heaven if we that is our goal.

B. These things will help us to accomplish that goal.