



What Will Be Different About This Year?



## **Acts 2:42**

**42 They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.**

- **We crave Bible teaching and many of us are devoted to this**
- **We love food and eating and are definitely committed to eating**
- **We love fellowship and are devoted to hanging with friends**
- **Are we devoted to prayer?**

## **Romans 12:12**

**12 Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation,  
be constant in prayer.**

- **What must be different about you as you follow Christ in 2021?**

## **1. Rejoice in hope**

- **Sometimes we struggle in endurance and prayer because our hope is misdirected**
- **Hoping in anything/anyone that doesn't cause us to treasure and rely more on Christ is idolatry**

- **We don't get by with hope, we rejoice with hope**
- **Because we have real hope, we can stand for real truth**
  - **The Gospel truth**
  - **All truth**

## **Romans 12:12**

**12 Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation,  
be constant in prayer.**



- **What must be different about you as you follow Christ in 2021?**

## **2. Be patient in tribulation**

- **How do we endure to the end?**
  - **Tribulation is a normal part of the Christian life**
  - **Tribute is both the context we live in and one of the main threats to our faith**
  - **Joy and hope are better rooted in tribulation**

## **Romans 12:12**

**12 Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation,  
be constant in prayer.**

- **What must be different about you as you follow Christ in 2021?**

### **3. Devoted to prayer**

- **Devoted= not everything is prayer, but prayer is always prevalent and influences everything you do**
- **Its a simple, strong faith that prays over a situation that seems utterly hopeless, and we believe and trust:**
  - **God can**
  - **God will answer prayers**
  - **God is good.**

- **Sometimes the thing we want God to take away is the thing God uses to bring answers to our prayers!**

- **Rejoice in hope; be patient in tribulation; be devoted to prayer.**
- **Develop a prayer model/prayer practice**
  - **It doesn't happen overnight- talk to your Father!**
- **What will be different about you in 2021?**
  - **Will you be a witness to your one/front row in joy, hope, endurance, and devotion to prayer?**

- **Rejoice in hope; be patient in tribulation;  
be devoted to prayer**