

# *Mt. Lebanon Church*

Sermon

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Please look up and read all verses in their entirety. I have only written partial verses.

Make your own notes, write down other scriptures that you run across while studying, write down questions that you may have or comments as well. Allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to you what he would have you to see through the study of Gods word.

Gods Character

## James 1:22

What aspect of our character needs to become more aligned with Gods character. What would we want to change or improve in our lives. We have good intentions, but, we do not put much effort into making changes. We must learn, only God can make changes or improve our lives.

So, we look to Gods word to find three Things:

Things Christians should do.

Things Christians should resist doing.

Things (Characteristics) Christians should display on behalf of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Things Christians should do:

**James 1: 22,....** Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves....

We must Pray:

**1 Thess. 5: 17,....**Pray without ceasing....

Philippians 4: 4 – 7,....Rejoice in the Lord....be anxious for nothing, but in everything by pray and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your request be made known to God....

We must Study:

**2 Tim. 2: 15,....**Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth....

**John 5: 39,....**search the scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life....

We must be Thankful:

**1 Thess. 5: 18,....**in everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you....

We must be Forgiving:

**Ephesians 4: 31 – 32,....**Let all...Be put away from you....be kind to one another....forgiving one another....even as God in Christ forgave you....

We must Love one another:

**Matthew 7: 12,....**Whatsoever you would that men should do to you, do also to them....

**John 13: 34 – 35,....**A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another, as I have loved you....

**Mark 12: 29 – 31,....**Love the Lord thy God, with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind....Love thy neighbor as thyself.

Things Christians should resist doing:

**James 4: 7,....** Submit yourselves therefore unto God, resist the devil and he will flee from you....

**Philippians 4: 13,...** I can do all things through Christ Jesus who gives me my strength....

Resist being led into temptation.

**James 1:13 – 15,....**Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted by God....each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed....

Resist focusing on our own needs and focus on the needs of others.

**Romans 15: 1 – 3,....**We that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves....

Resist becoming spiritually lazy.

**Colossians 3: 23 – 24,....**Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not to men....

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Spiritual Characteristics:

Where do they come from, through our salvation.

How did we acquire them, they are gifts given by God through the Holy Spirit as we mature in our Christian life.

If we do not mature, we should not expect to see that our characteristics are becoming of Christ or are Christ like.

Christ like characteristics, should be displayed to those around us. These are things that people should naturally see in us, not something that we should have to struggle to display.

When Christ spent his time here upon this earth, he always showed the characteristics of the father.

Things others should be able to see in us:

We are always seeking the Lord:

**Matthew 6: 31 – 34,....** Take no thought, for what shall we eat, what shall we drink, or what shall we wear...but seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness....

We are always humble:

**1 Peter 5: 5 – 7,....** God resist the proud, but gives grace to the humble, therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God....

We are always standing Strong:

**1 Corinthians 15 :58,....**Be steadfast immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord....

We are always expounding in servitude:

**1 Peter 2: 21 – 24,....**Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow his steps....

So, we are going to ask ourselves, what are we going to allow God to change or improve in our lives. Anything and everything that will allow us to grow and mature in his saving grace and our stewardship to him and others.

Let us pray.

If anyone has any questions, comments or would just like to discuss any of the scriptures, feel free to call, text or email me. Keep praying for each other and all the God lays upon your heart. Hope to see everyone soon. God Bless.

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