



SPIRITUAL LIFE AND MESSAGE FOR JANUARY 2018

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Opening Song: "Only What You Do"

Remember, only what you do for Christ will last.
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Only what you do for him, will be counted in the end.
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Prayer: (As led by the Holy Spirit)

Scripture: Galatians 2:20

Meditation: "What's In Your Purse?"

One day I was looking through my purse, a very large purse, for a pen. When I couldn't find one right away, it struck me that I should really clean out my purse. It's such a pretty purse on the outside, but it sure is messy on the inside. There are a lot of things that you put in your purse that is unnecessary. Why do you put those things to carry with you when you go somewhere? Some of them are just so unnecessary. You as a Christian, carry around things all throughout the day that you don't need. Maybe you should just stick to the basics and take along your purse with just some necessities.

Cell Phone: Your communication devise, which is prayer of course. If you need something, all you need to do is pray and the Lord is there to hear you. Having that open communication with Christ throughout the day gives you a greater sense of security.

Keys: You need your keys to drive your car and to unlock your door when you come home. Faith is the key that unlocks doors, so that's something you surely don't want to leave behind. Faith is imperative to your survival each day.

Driver's License (In Wallet): Your need identification. Having that card in your wallet that has your picture on it and says you can drive is great because not only can you drive with it but serves as

identification for you too. Your identification with Christ gives you even greater benefits; you have eternal life through Him.

Money or Debit/Credit Card (In Wallet): If you are going to run errands, you usually going to end up spending money or having to use your debit/credit card in case you need to make some purchases. Instead of just investing in earthly things, you find yourself laying up some treasures in Heaven throughout your day.

Glasses/Sunglasses: You may want to keep a pair of glasses or sunglasses with you. This is so you can remember to look through your eyes throughout the day as Christ would. You need to see with eyes of love, compassion, and kindness.

Hand Lotion: Your need to drop in a tube of hand lotion before you go. You need to be reminded to put a little softness into your day when you react to situations and to people that you come in contact.

Lipstick: You might need a touch up so you better include a tube of lipstick in your purse. You need to be reminded to put some praise and singing on your lips everywhere you go throughout your day.

It is so easy to get up in the morning and drop in some unnecessary things to take along during our day. Sometimes we take grumpiness or a bad attitude with us on our way. Those things really clutter up our lives. I think we need to turn our lives upside down and dump everything out except for those things that honor Christ. What in your purse

Closing Prayer:

Dear Lord, Thank you for this New Year. Help us to be tidy with our Christian lives and just put those things in our purse that pleases you. Amen.