

Just Do It January Part 3: "What Are We Doing Here?!"

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"Do what God's teaching says; don't just listen and do nothing. When you only sit and listen, you are fooling yourselves."

James 1:22 (ERV)

TO "BIRTH" A NEW KIND OF LIFE, I HAVE TO JUST START...

1. ...DOING THINGS THAT _____ ME.

"Tell those rich in <u>this world's wealth</u> to quit being so full of themselves and so obsessed with money, which is here today and gone tomorrow. Tell them to <u>go after God</u>, who piles on all the riches we could ever manage—to <u>do</u> <u>good</u>, to be <u>rich in helping others</u>, to be <u>extravagantly generous</u>. If they do that, they'll build a treasury that will last, gaining life that is truly life."

1 Timothy 6:17-19 (MSG)

"Do good wherever you go. After a while, the good you do will come back to you. <u>Invest what</u> <u>you have in several different things</u>. You don't know what bad things might happen on earth. There are <u>some things you can be sure of</u>. If clouds are full of rain, <u>they will pour water</u> on the earth. If a tree falls—to the south or to the north—<u>then it will stay where it falls</u>. But there are some <u>things that you cannot be sure of</u>. You <u>must take a chance</u>. If you wait for perfect weather, you will never plant your seeds. <u>If you</u> <u>are afraid</u> that every cloud will bring rain, you will never harvest your crops. You don't know where the wind blows. And you don't know how a baby grows in its mother's womb. In the same way, you don't know what God will do and he makes everything happen. <u>So begin</u> <u>planting early</u> in the morning, and don't stop <u>working until evening</u>. You don't know what might make you rich. <u>Maybe everything you do</u> will be successful."

Ecclesiastes 11:1-6 (ERV)

2. ...DOING THINGS THAT _____ ME.

"The Lord says, 'Sing, Jerusalem. You are like a woman who never gave birth to children. <u>Start singing</u> and <u>shout for joy</u>. You never felt the pain of giving birth, but you will have more children than the woman who has a husband. <u>Make your tent bigger; stretch it out</u> and <u>make</u> <u>it wider</u>. Do not hold back. Make the <u>ropes</u> <u>longer</u> and its <u>stakes stronger</u>, because you will <u>spread out</u> to the right and to the left. Your children will take over other nations, and they will again live in cities that once were destroyed."

Isaiah 54:1-3 (NCV)

"Another time Jesus went into the synagogue. A man with a <u>weak and twisted hand</u> was there. Some Pharisees were trying to find fault with Jesus. They watched him closely. They wanted to see if he would heal the man on the Sabbath day. Jesus spoke to the man with the weak and twisted hand. 'Stand up in front of everyone,' he said. Then Jesus asked them, 'What does the Law say we should do on the Sabbath day? Should we do good? Or should we do evil? Should we save life? Or should we kill?' But no one answered. Jesus looked around at them in anger. He was very upset because their hearts were stubborn. Then he said to the man, 'Stretch out your hand.' He stretched it out, and his hand had become as good as new. Then the Pharisees went out and began to make plans with the Herodians. They wanted to kill Jesus."

Mark 3:1-6 (NIRV)

3. ...DOING THINGS THAT ______ ME.

"My little children, don't just talk about love as an idea or a theory. <u>Make it your true way of</u> <u>life</u>, and <u>live in the pattern of gracious love</u>. There is a sure way for us to know that we belong to the truth. Even though our inner thoughts may condemn us with storms of guilt and constant reminders of our failures, we can know in our hearts that in His presence God Himself is greater than any accusation. He knows all things."

1 John 3:18-20 (TVB)

"His divine power has given us everything we need to experience life and to reflect God's true nature through the knowledge of the One who called us by His glory and virtue. Through these things, we have received God's great and valuable promises, so we might escape the corruption of worldly desires and share in the divine nature. To achieve this, you will <u>need to add virtue to your faith</u>, and then <u>knowledge</u> to your virtue; to knowledge, add <u>discipline</u>; to discipline, add <u>endurance</u>; to endurance, add <u>godliness</u>; to godliness, add <u>affection for others</u> as sisters and brothers; and to affection, at last, add <u>love</u>. For if you <u>possess these traits and multiply them</u>, then you will never be ineffective or unproductive in your relationship with our Lord Jesus the Anointed; but if you don't have these qualities, then you will be nearsighted and blind, forgetting that your past sins have been washed away."

2 Peter 1:3-9 (TVB)