

Preparation Guide for January's Devotionals



My sisters in the faith, what a challenge we have before us in this coming year 2015, to build God's Kingdom and make ourselves ready for His return.

What if we decide that this year, 2015, is the year we are going to do this thing! We are going to lay the very Foundation of Zion and build God's Kingdom.

So let's change our thinking, from thinking of excuses as to why we can't do this, to thinking of creative ways to make it happen. It is not an impossible task, for God has given us the tools and He will assist us in this great task.

1 Nephi 1:65-66 And it came to pass that I, Nephi, said unto my father, I will go and do the things which the Lord hath commanded, for I know that the Lord giveth no commandments unto the children of men, save He shall prepare a way for them that they may accomplish the thing which He commandeth them.

The Challenge before us is great, but I honestly believe if we will work on keeping the two great commandments as found in Matthew 22:35-39, we would

soon see great changes for good taking place in our own lives, our homes, our congregation and even our community. **Love is a true catalyst, it changes everything it touches.** As Jesus said in verse 39, **"On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."** **Zion begins with us loving God and each other.**

So part of this loving starts with us changing our thinking and changing the way we view each other. Let us be loving, kind, tender-hearted, forgiving, and not judging each other. Let us look for the beautiful and the true instead of looking for faults in each other.

It is so easy to be judgmental and critical of each other. Let's change that—starting right now!

Romans 12:5-10 So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and everyone members one of another.... Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil and cleave to that which is good. Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another.

Fourth thing listed in the guide prepared by the Patriarchs of the church:

Do I make righteous judgments?

Judge not unrighteously, that ye be not judged; but judge righteous judgment. For with what judgment ye shall judge, ye shall be judged; and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.” Matthew 7:2-3

Action: Cease to be critical of others. Instead, pray for those that seem to make poor decisions.

This Month I Plan to stop being critical of others. I will pray for them instead of criticize them. I will look for the good in my fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

My Plan to Accomplish this Change:

Week #1

Week#2

Week #3

Week#4

My Partner to Assist Me & Help Me Be Accountable Is: _____

Self Evaluation:

How Am I Doing & What Do I Need to Do to Be More Successful:
