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Habits: Routines of an Ordered Life

2 Chronicles 20:31-33 - So Jehoshaphat ruled over the land of Judah. He was thirty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem twenty-five years. His mother was Azubah, the daughter of Shilhi. ³² Jehoshaphat was a good king, following the ways of his father, Asa. He did what was pleasing in the Lord's sight. ³³ During his reign, however, he failed to remove all the pagan shrines, and the people never fully committed themselves to follow the God of their ancestors.

God Looks To The Heart Instead of The Perfection Of A Person's Life

Hebrews 10:24-25 - And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. ESV

We Should Embrace The Habit Of Gathering Together

Jude 21 - keep yourselves in the love of God, looking forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to eternal life. NASB

What We Do Intentionally Isn't The Critical Matter, But It Is Crucial

1. Prayer.

Psalms 55:17 - Morning, noon, and night I cry out in my distress, and the Lord hears my voice.

Daniel 6:10 - But when Daniel learned that the law had been signed, he went home and knelt down as usual in his upstairs room, with its windows open toward Jerusalem. He prayed three times a day, just as he had always done, giving thanks to his God.

Acts 3:1 - Peter and John went to the Temple one afternoon to take part in the three o'clock prayer service.

1 Thessalonians 5:17 - Never stop praying.

Prayer Keeps Us Focused And Away From Distractions

Prayer Makes Room For Confidence

2 Corinthians 3:18 - *So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.*

Healthy Habits Produce Decisiveness

Our Purpose In God, Is Connected To Our Habits

John 17:3 - *And this is the way to have eternal life—to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, the one you sent to earth.*