



Biblical Essentials for 2021

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1 Timothy 1:12 I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because He considered me faithful, putting me into service;

¹³ even though I was formerly a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent aggressor. And yet I was shown mercy, because I acted ignorantly in unbelief;

¹⁴ and the grace of our Lord was more than abundant, with the faith and love which are *found* in Christ Jesus.

¹⁵ It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost *of all*.

¹⁶ And yet for this reason I found mercy, in order that in me as the foremost, Jesus Christ might demonstrate His perfect patience, as an example for those who would believe in Him for eternal life.

2 Timothy 1:7 ...God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline.

⁸ Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, or of me His prisoner; but join with *me* in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God,

⁹ who has saved us, and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity

Our vision for 2021

to grow biblically solid Christ-like believers and leaders
who passionately love God, love one another and live the mission together

Our focus for 2021

1. Growing rapidly and discipling others

See the *How to Grow* guide for 16 means God uses to grow us.

For example

1 Thessalonians 2:13 ...we also constantly thank God that when you received from us the word of God's message, you accepted *it* not as the word of men, but *for* what it really is, the word of God, which also performs its work in you who believe.

2. Values, qualities and practices of leaders

For example

Mark 10:43 ...whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant;

⁴⁴ and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be slave of all.

⁴⁵ "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

3. Understanding the Bible in its context and various literary styles

For example, Proverbs are proverbs

Proverbs 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go, Even when he is old he will not depart from it.

4. Essential Bible doctrines

For example, the deity of Jesus

Mark 2:5 ...Jesus seeing their faith said to the paralytic, "My son, your sins are forgiven."

⁶ But there were some of the scribes sitting there and reasoning in their hearts,

⁷ "Why does this man speak that way? He is blaspheming; who can forgive sins but God alone?"

Matthew 28:20 ...I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Matthew 14:33 And those who were in the boat worshiped Him, saying, "You are certainly God's Son!"

5. Leading in the home

1 Peter 3:7 You husbands likewise, live with *your wives* in an understanding way, as with a weaker vessel, since she is a woman; and grant her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.

6. Leading in the church

2 Timothy 2:1 You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

² And the things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, these entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.

7. Leading in the workplace and community

Colossians 3:22 Slaves, in all things obey those who are your masters on earth, not with external service, as those who *merely* please men, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord.

²³ Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men;

²⁴ knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.

...**4:1** Masters, grant to your slaves justice and fairness, knowing that you too have a Master in heaven.

8. Leading others in overcoming their most difficult circumstances

For example, abortion

Luke 1:41 And it came about that when Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb;

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Psalm 139:13 ... Thou didst form my inward parts; Thou didst weave me in my mother's womb.

¹⁴ I will give thanks to Thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Wonderful are Thy works, And my soul knows it very well.

¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from Thee, When I was made in secret, *And* skillfully wrought in the depths of the earth.

¹⁶ Thine eyes have seen my unformed substance; And in Thy book they were all written, The days that were ordained *for me*, When as yet there was not one of them.

Google: *my baby at ___ weeks*

9. Leading others to Christ

John 3:16 "...God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.

¹⁷ "For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world should be saved through Him.

¹⁸ "He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

10. Leading the church in its mission

Genesis 12:3 ..."in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

Matthew 28:18 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations..."

Romans 15:20 ...I aspired to preach the gospel, not where Christ was *already* named, that I might not build upon another man's foundation;

²¹ but as it is written, "They who had no news of Him shall see, And they who have not heard shall understand."