

**#5: God the Son Directs Our Lives**  
*12 Practical Commands for the Authentic Christian*  
1 Peter 1:2

(1 Pet 1:2) *“the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ”*  
New Life Mission Statement: *“Joyfully serving Christ with our best friends.”*

**A) The importance of joy** (John 15:9-11; Matt 11:30; 1 John 5:3)

**B) The Purpose of the 12 Practical Commands for the Authentic Christian**

- It is not a measure of how much God loves you.
- It measures how much of God’s love you actually know and are experiencing.
- It is a measure of how much you love God (John 14:15).

**C) Practical command #1: Be baptized.**

**D) Practical command #2: Be transformed by the renewing of your mind so you can be transformed and consistently experience the power of the Holy Spirit**

(Rom 12:2; Eph 5:18)

**E) Practical command #3: Have regular God Times in the word & prayer**

(1 Peter 2:2; Col 4:2)

- Do it to bless God.
- Pray through Scripture instead of just reading it.

**The 12 Practical Commands for the Authentic Christian**

- 1) Joyfully be baptized.
- 2) Joyfully pursue the renewing of your mind so you will be transformed and consistently experience the power of the Holy Spirit.
- 3) Joyfully have regular God Times in the word & prayer
- 4) Joyfully be holy in a wicked world
- 5) Joyfully love your spouse
- 6) Joyfully train your children
- 7) Joyfully pursue friendships with church members
- 8) Joyfully serve others with your spiritual gift
- 9) Joyfully be a light to the lost
- 10) Joyfully do your work for Christ, not people
- 11) Joyfully give money generously
- 12) Joyfully care for yourself