

2024 Focus: Committed to Executing the Word James 1:22

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"Committed to Executing the Word" James 1:22 NKJV

Our focus for 2024 is "Committed to Executing the Word of God". This focus was birthed out of a sincere desire to do God's will and to get the results that pleases Him. As I reflect on our vision and mission for Mt. Zion, my question is always how do we as a body accomplish this. What do we need to do to see "A Vibrant Community Living by Faith?" What do we need to do to "Empower People to Transform Themselves and [then] the Community?" Then I looked at all the goals we set for 2024 that I believe would help achieve our mission and vision. As I considered those goals and was meditating on how to accomplish each goal, amazingly, I realized that we did not have to come up with any strategies or new processes. I discovered that all the strategies were in the Word of God. All we have to do to achieve the 2024 goals is to just do the Word of God – or, execute the Word of God. We must commit to executing the Word of God or do what the scripture says about each goal.

Hebrews 10:36 teaches us that it's when we have done the will of God or the Word of God, it's then we receive the promise. Luke 6:46 – 48 teaches us that we will be successful and unshakable when we execute the Word of God. It is the expectation of Jesus that believers actually do the Word.

For the sake of this teaching, I would like to take our 2024 goals and apply our focus scripture of James 1:22 to each of them. As we execute the Word of God, we will find that

our strategy comes from the Word of God and all we have to do to get phenomenal results is to follow the instructions in the Scriptures (Executing the Word of God). As we go through each goal, I need your commitment to execute the Word of God associated with that goal. As you do the Word of God, I promise you that if you show up for God, He will show out through you – 2 Chronicles 16:9A.

Remember that these goals are God sized goals and can only be completed through the Power of God. As you obey God it's never your strength but the strength of God – Philippians 2:13 AMPC.

Some of our goals for 2024:

- Bring 500 additional souls into the Kingdom Luke 14:21, 23;
- 500 members in regular attendance in Life Groups. It is our desire that no one
 person goes through challenges of life alone Hebrews 10:24-25, Ephesians 4:13-16;
- \$100,000 added to endowment Fund. It is our desire that Mt. Zion's future is secure –
 Proverbs 13:22;
- \$200,000 in sacrificial giving. This helps to fund all non-budgeted expenses* –
 1 Chronicles 21:24, 2 Corinthians 9:6;
- Break Ground for Legacy Senior Housing Project. Our seniors can age in our community – 1 Timothy 5:8;
- 100% of Members Active in ministry. *Adequately meet the needs of a growing congregation and our guests* Galatians 610, Matthew 23:11-12;
- Expanded transportation ministry. Have enough drivers and vehicles to bring a
 multitude of individuals to church. Romans 14:1 NKJV, Matthew 25:40;
- Every member with life insurance. Relieve the stress and strain from families during times of bereavement and to provide for stress free living – 1 Timothy 5:8, Proverbs 13:22;
- Every member with a will. Take control of our destiny Proverbs 6:6-9;

- Every member working on getting out of debt. *Become financially independent so that we can fund our own dreams and desires* Romans 13:8 NIV;
- Families getting family members back to church. *Making sure that we love our* families enough for them to be saved and avoid confusion upon death concerning membership Deuteronomy 6:7-9.

Can I count on you to allow God to use you even greater than 2023? Can I count on you to be a consistent giver <u>all</u> year? Can I count on you to start giving if you are not currently giving? Can I count on you to witness to your family, friends and co-workers? Can I count on you to serve in a ministry area here at the Church? Join me in allowing God to do exceedingly, abundantly above all we ask or think according to the power that works in <u>us.</u>

* List Of 2024 Needs Not Budgeted For

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 Network – Proposal with electric 	\$96,000
 Staff Computers (3) – current past useful life 	6,000
 Sound System AMPS- still using one from 1990 	35,000
 Replace Fire Control Panel 	3,500
 Security Cameras – Proposal 	39,950
 Bathrooms by First Aid Room (Renovation) 	18,000
 Plumbing 	20,000
 Demolish 1605 N. Burdick 	60,000
 Transportation Vehicle 	30,000