

"Be Ready"

1st John 2:28

Consistency is one of the hallmarks of those O.T. & N.T. saints. They were consistent in their walk with the Lord. Now I don't know about you but I like..... For ex. I really feel good when the brakes on my car..... When I'm facing surgery or someone I love is going to have surgery, we ask how..... We want our doctor's to be consistent.

Now in 1st John, John is speaking to young believers about the importance of abiding.

The word abide is used over _____ times in the Bible. _____ times in 1st John.

The word abide means to _____, to stay, to remain to be consistent in our relationship to Jesus.

Now we all know in this life it's sometimes hard to be consistent.

Read the letter of a man's prayer to Jesus:

We all need the Lord's help every day to be consistent in our walk with the Lord.

This morning I want us to look at 4 ways God's Word says we are to be consistent as believers in Christ.

I. We need to be consistently _____ like. 1st John 2:6

Now to be consistently like Jesus we must spend time.....

1. In the _____ of God.

The life of Jesus is found in the 1st 4 books of the New Testament, the Gospels.....

Each Gospel looks at Jesus' life in a different perspective.

If we want to KNOW Jesus we must _____ in the Bible.

If we want to GROW in Jesus we must _____ the Bible.

If we want to SHOW Jesus we must _____ the Bible.

2. In our _____ to God.

We become more like Jesus spending time with Jesus in our prayer

3. In _____ with the saints of God. Hebrews 10:25

Coming together with God's people at God's House on God's Day will help us to be consistently Christ-like.

II. We need to be consistently _____ for one another.

Look at these verses... 2:____ 3:____ 3:____ 4:____ 4:____

Jesus said in **John 14:35** "**By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.**"

Growing in our consistency by caring for one another !

III. We need to be consistent in our _____ to God's Word. 1st John 2:2-4

It's not enough to _____ God's Word, we must _____ God's Word.

Jesus said in **John 14:15** "*If ye love me, keep my commandments.*"

Trust and obey for there's.....

IV. We need to be consistently _____ till Jesus comes. 1st John 2:28

If we want to meet Jesus in confidence when He comes again

we must do one thing Be _____ !

Story:

In a factory in Alabama when the horn blew at 5:00pm, quitting time, everyone started scrambling getting their things together, but there was one black gentleman that was always ready.....

Someone asked him, "How is it your always ready to leave....."

He said, "I _____ ready to keep from _____ ready !

Now friends when Jesus comes you're not going to have time.....

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Now if you're here this morning and you're not ready to meet Jesus,
you need to **GET READY NOW.**

Do You Know Why ??

Because none of us have assurance of tomorrow !

Proverbs 27:1