

12 Words to Live by for Christmas

Abide



SCRIPTURE: Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me. John 15:4 (NASB)

CHALLENGE: Abide in Him and stay "in the vine" until you bear His fruit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.

Accept



SCRIPTURE: Therefore, accept one another, just as Christ also accepted us, to the glory of God. Romans 15:7 (NASB)

CHALLENGE: Accept the things about yourself or others you wish you could change but know you cannot.

Allocate



SCRIPTURE: For through the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith. Romans 12:3 (NASB)

CHALLENGE: Use the unique gifts God has allocated to you, but look for ways you may allocate others to use their talents as well.

Be



SCRIPTURE: He says, "Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." Psalms 46:10 (NIV)

CHALLENGE: Purpose to stop buzzing like a busy bee for at least an hour a day. *Just be.*

Bedazzle



SCRIPTURE: Those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever. Daniel 12:3 (NASB)

CHALLENGE: Bedazzle someone each day with a word or deed which points to the Light of the World. Ask the Lord for insight to shine brightly and lead others to Him.

Bestow



SCRIPTURE: For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor; no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless. Psalm 84:11 (NIV)

CHALLENGE: Ask the Lord to help you bestow good things on those you love, especially the gifts of time and cherished memories.

Celebrate



SCRIPTURE: All the people went away to eat, to drink, to send portions and to celebrate a great festival, because they understood the words which had been made known to them. Nehemiah 8:12 (NASB)

CHALLENGE: Make each celebration a reminder of the Word which became flesh, the real reason we celebrate Christmas.

Chuckle



SCRIPTURE: Blessed are you who hunger now, for you shall be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. Luke 6:21 (NASB)

CHALLENGE: Find or create something to chuckle about every single day. Look for the humor in every situation and refuse to take yourself too seriously. Keep a smile on your face and you'll find others returning the favor.

Conserve



SCRIPTURE: You are my hiding place; You preserve me from trouble; You surround me with songs of deliverance. Selah. Psalm 32:7 (NASB)

CHALLENGE: Conserve and protect your most valuable resources. Ask the Lord to guide your plans and help you do "all but only" He intends you to accomplish.

Savor



SCRIPTURE: How sweet are Your words to my taste! Yes, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Psalm 119:103 (NASB)

CHALLENGE: Instead of trying everything offered on every occasion, choose your favorite three foods to enjoy. Taste each bite and savor each flavor. Make sure to spend time savoring God's Word, too!

Simplify



SCRIPTURE: For My yoke is easy and My burden is light. Matthew 11:30 (NASB)

CHALLENGE: Ask the Lord to show you a simpler way to do something you find burdensome. Or seek to help lighten someone else's load for His sake.

Stretch



SCRIPTURE: For this commandment which I command you today is not too difficult for you, nor is it out of reach. Deuteronomy 30:11 (NASB)

CHALLENGE: Start every morning and end every evening by stretching every muscle of your body. Use your stretches as a way to add meaning and movement to the Lord's Prayer as you reach toward heaven physically and spiritually.