

# Message Notes

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*Declaring War with These 4*  
Abide  
John 15:1-5  
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◆ These \_\_\_ practices can help us \_\_\_\_\_ in maturity in \_\_\_\_\_.

## Practice #1: Abide

◆ We can become experts at \_\_\_\_\_ God but miss \_\_\_\_\_ w/Him.

◆ Jesus: *abiding* is the \_\_\_\_\_ to growing from \_\_\_\_\_ into maturity.

◆ The \_\_\_\_\_ of discipleship is bearing \_\_\_\_\_. (Mt 7:20; Lk 6:43-44)

Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in Me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.  
**John 15:4-5 (ESV)**

◆ *Abide*: to \_\_\_\_\_ constantly \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ of life.

◆ My only “\_\_\_\_\_” is to stay connected to \_\_\_\_\_. (Dt 6:5; Mk 12:30)

## Six Ways to Abide in 2012

◆ We *abide* by \_\_\_\_\_ our lives around spiritual \_\_\_\_\_.

◆ SD's are any \_\_\_\_\_ that can \_\_\_\_\_ me with the \_\_\_\_\_:

① S \_\_\_\_\_. (Ps 63:1; Mt 4:1-11; 14:13; 26:36; Mk 1:35; 6:31; Lk 5:16)

◆ It's \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves from our routine to spend \_\_\_\_\_ w/ God.

② P \_\_\_\_\_. (Psalm 1-150; Mt 6:5-15; 14:23; Mk 6:46; Lk 6:12; 11:1; Jn 15:7)

③ S \_\_\_\_\_. (Pr 8:6, 32; Ecc 3:7; Is 51:4; Hbbk 2:20; Jn 8:43; Jms 3:1-12)

Be still, and know that I am God. **Psalm 46:10 (ESV)**

④ J \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Chron 16:11-12; Ps 62:8; 77:11-12; Lam 3:21-23; Jms 1:21-25)

⑤ S \_\_\_\_\_ God's \_\_\_\_\_. (Ps 19:7-11; Jn 8:34; 2 Tim 3:16-17; 2 Jn 1:9)

⑥ F \_\_\_\_\_. (Esth 4:16; Is 58:6; Dan 9:3; Mt 4:2; 6:16-18; Acts 13:2)

◆ Will I choose to \_\_\_\_\_ in Him by \_\_\_\_\_ these disciplines?

◆ How \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord do I \_\_\_\_\_ want to be in 2012?

# Prayer

*ACTSS – A possible template to use in praying.*

Adoration (I praise You for being ...) \_\_\_\_\_

Confession (I specifically confess my sin of ...) \_\_\_\_\_

Thanksgiving (Thank You for the blessing of ...) \_\_\_\_\_

Supplication (I humbly ask You for ...) \_\_\_\_\_

Surrender (I bow again to You as LORD) \_\_\_\_\_

# Journaling

*Reflecting on the activity of God in my life.*

Yesterday ... \_\_\_\_\_

Today I need to do the following with: (God, my family, work, my character):  
\_\_\_\_\_

# Bible Plans

*With a plan, I can more consistently stay in hearing range of God's voice.*

☐ **The One Year Bible** (NIV or NLT – read 3-4 pages or 10-15 mins a day)

☐ **The One Year Chronological Bible** (NIV or NLT–read 10-15 mins a day)

☐ **The 90-Day Bible** (NIV – by reading approx.. 12 pgs or 45 mins a day)

☐ **Biblegateway.com** (Click “Reading Plans” use pull-down to find one)

☐ **YouVersion.com** (App for most smartphones, variety of “Reading Plans”)