

“How To Stay Effective In A New Decade”

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I. We Must Practice _____

I Cor. 9:21-23 “When I am with the Gentiles who do not follow the Jewish law I too live apart from that law so I can bring them to Christ. But I do not ignore the law of God; I obey the law of Christ. When I am with those who are weak, I share their weakness, for I want to bring the weak to Christ. Yes, I try to find common ground with everyone, doing everything I can to save some. I do everything to spread the Good News and share in its blessings.” (NLT)

A. We must continue to be innovating in ministry

B. Practical steps to innovate

II. We Must Practice _____

Eph. 4:16 “He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.” (NLT)
I Cor 12:7 “A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.” (NLT)

A. We must continue to multiply participation in ministry

B. Practical steps to participation

III. We Must Practice _____

Heb. 5:11-12 “There is much more we would like to say about this, but it is difficult to explain, especially since you are spiritually dull and don’t seem to listen. You have been believers so long now that you ought to be teaching others. Instead, you need someone to teach you again the basic things about God’s word. You are like babies who need milk and cannot eat solid food.” (NLT)



A. We must continue to cultivate a growing faith

B. Practical steps to cultivate

I Peter 2:2 “Like newborn babies, you must crave pure spiritual milk so that you will grow into a full experience of salvation...” (NLT)

IV. We Must Practice _____

II Chron. 30:21-23 “So the people of Israel who were present in Jerusalem joyously celebrated the Festival of Unleavened Bread for seven days. Each day the Levites and priests sang to the LORD, accompanied by loud instruments. Hezekiah encouraged all the Levites regarding the skill they displayed as they served the LORD. The celebration continued for seven days. Peace offerings were sacrificed, and the people gave thanks to the LORD, the God of their ancestors. The entire assembly then decided to continue the festival another seven days, so they celebrated joyfully for another week.” (NLT)

A. We must continue to celebrate the Lord together

- *Neh. 8:10 “Do not grieve, for the **joy** of the **LORD** is your strength.” (NIV)*

B. Practical steps to celebrate