

ACTION OR JUST INTENTION

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ACTION OR JUST INTENTION

Reformer Martin Luther used to live in a serene German monastery, where he shared a room with a close friend, both sharing unwavering love for the cause of truth.

However, while Luther decided to wage "war" on behalf of the Reformation, his friend remained in the monastery, praying and interceding for him.

One night, Luther's friend had a dream. He saw a vast field stretching to the horizon, ripe for harvest.

[Image of a serene monastery in German]

[Image of Martin Luther with a Bible, portraying strong determination]

[Illustration of Luther's friend in a monastery, deep in prayer]

[Standard opening design and animation.]

[Design of a large field ready for harvest]

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He also saw a solitary figure attempting to collect all the crops, an impossible task. Soon, he was able to see the face of the lone worker: it was Martin Luther himself!

This dream taught him a great truth: he'd better stop praying for his friend and start working with him!

Getting started is what differentiates "action" from "intention."

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[Design of Martin Luther laboring in the field]

[Design of Luther and his friend working together in the field]

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[CUT TO TITLE: ACTION OR JUST INTENTION?]

Many people make decisions at the end of each year. Some decide to initiate a regular physical activity program. Others resolve to save money or to shed unwanted pounds.

Yet, no resolution is as important as the ones related to our spiritual life.

Therefore, it is crucial to start the year by renewing or establishing principles of faithfulness and commitment to God. God beseeches us, by His mercies, that we present our "bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to" Him, which will become our rational worship (Romans 12:2 NKJV)!

[Image of personal connection with God. Like prayer]

[Image of a calendar flipping to January, 2024. Images of people exercising and organizing finances. Images of these same characters sad at the end of the year.]

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The following resolutions should be at the top of our list:

1. Set aside daily, at the beginning of each day, time for personal communion through the reading of the Bible, the Sabbath School lesson, and prayer.
2. Gather your family daily, at the beginning and at the end of the day, for short moments of family worship.
3. Reaffirm your commitment to observe the Sabbath, from sunset to sunset.
4. Make it a priority to worship God in person while attending to church services. Never allow virtual options to replace your attendance whenever you can go.
5. Renew your commitment to faithfulness by returning tithes and offerings regularly, as regularly as God provides you with an income or increase. According to the Bible, the tithe should be 10% of your income. For the offering, you must set a percentage for offerings that will be given proportionately to all income received.

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[Design of a list with 5 resolutions]

[Image of a person reading the Bible]

[Image of a family gathered for worship]

[Image of the sun setting]

[Image of a church building]

[Image of a hand giving money]

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As you start this journey, moving from intention to action, God will assist and strengthen you. Remember that you “can do all things through Christ who strengthens” you (Philippians 4:13 NKJV)!

As we return our tithe and Promise offerings, may we put our desires last and God first.

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[Image of a person deep in prayer]

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[Standard ending design and animation.]

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