

How Do I Prepare?

The first step to prepare is always humility

“Humble yourself before the Lord and He will exalt you” (James 4:10)

- Admit we need the Lord’s help in all we do **“Without my help you can do nothing”** (John 15:5)
- Confess our sins to acknowledge our need for the Lord’s help (1 John 1:9)
- Humbly approach each thing the Lord calls us to relying on God’s assistance (Psalm 46:1)
- Humbly trust the Lord always as we proceed (Proverbs 3:5-6)

We prepare by prayerfully discerning what God has called us to do and how our gifts can best be used

We prepare by setting goals and making regular progress toward these as God inspires and guides us.

We find fulfillment and joy as we use our gifts to pursue God’s will and see His Kingdom coming on earth through His work in us so it will be as it is in Heaven (Matthew 6:10)

Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope. (1Pt 3:15)

We prepare by studying as much as we can about God and our work so we are prepared to give an answer why we are hopeful in God and why our work for Him matters

We prepare by **asking, seeking and knocking** to pursue what the Lord is calling us to. (Matthew 7:7)

We prepare so when the Lord visits us in person and through others, we will **be ready** to open the door and welcome Him into our lives. (Luke 12:36-38)