

Pre-LIVE|12: The Advanced Guide to LIVE|12

"Watch out! Sin is crouching at the door, eager to control you." (Gen. 4:7) Do you believe this? Do you live in growing awareness that sin is watching you, waiting to pounce?

LIVE|12 exists to help you see that, to help you beware, and help you fight! LIVE|12 is purposed so that you better know how to, well, *live*. What a tragedy it would be to go through LIVE|12 unprepared, with casual glances at sin and consequences, then find yourself at the end of it coming short of seeing real change and sin going largely unchecked in your life.

We want to help you prepare for LIVE|12 by giving you some simple things to begin to cultivate the ground before we expect God to bring lasting growth. '*Fruit that remains*' is what Jesus called it in John 15. We prepare for almost everything: a day at work, having folks over for dinner and vacations. We even prepare for simple things like going to bed, preparing for a restful evening at home and then, if we get time, we even prepare for death. Embarking on the mortification of sin is a noble task that God has called you to if you are in Christ. It is not optional, and it requires preparation. Jesus tells us in Luke 14:28: 'For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it?'

Look through the list below to see some suggestions for preparing your heart, readying yourself for change and better positioning yourself for the Lord to do 'exceeding abundantly beyond what you ask or think' (Eph. 3:20) as you embark on LIVE|12.

1. Submit to Christ in an area right now that you know He has been putting His finger on in your life. Have you been resisting Him in some area?
2. If you are not in the Word or you do not have a prayer life, begin now. Work to build a discipline in the next few weeks before LIVE|12 so that when you begin the study, you are more apt to hear from Him. Start seeking Him now and asking for His way in your life.
3. Read through *Licensed To Kill* by Brian Hedges before LIVE|12 begins.
4. Decide to do a TV fast, an entertainment fast, a Facebook fast or other fasts that would help to minimize distractions during this time where you are intentionally seeking to grow in mortifying sin.
5. Are there relationships in your life that need repaired and you have a responsibility to make peace with someone? Is there bitterness, resentment or un-forgiveness in any relationship that you need to take care of business?
6. Spend a half-day in prayer where you pour over specific passages, really get away with the Lord and seek Him.
7. Is there a big provision for the flesh in your life that you know you need to get rid of?
8. Tell someone close to you what you expect and hope God will do in your life through LIVE|12.

Won't you be glad, as you enter into LIVE|12 with others, that you took some time to prepare, think through the implications of this study, and put forth some effort now so that your heart is pliable and ready for God's work?