

DAILY DEVOTIONS

MATTHEW

Monday	Matthew 1-5
Tuesday	Matthew 6-10
Wednesday	Matthew 11-15
Thursday	Matthew 16-20
Friday	Matthew 21-24
Saturday	Matthew 15-28



MONDAY

READ: Mathew, Jesus the King article in New Testament Articles

THINK ABOUT: What comes to mind when you think of a 'king'?
 What responsibility does a king have to his subjects?
 What obligations do a king's subjects have to him?
 Does this describe your daily relationship with Jesus?

PRAY: Thank Him for being willing to be your King and oversee your needs.
 Submit to Him as a subject to King and commit to serving Him only all day this day.

TUESDAY

READ: Matthew 1:18-23

THINK ABOUT: Why was Jesus born of a virgin (think of several reasons)?
 Why do you think God planned His entrance into the human race in this way?
 How do you think this impacted Mary and Joseph?
 Others mocked them as being immoral but God didn't defend them. Why?
 Why does God allow unfair things to come against His people today?
 Think about some times you have been unfairly criticized when God didn't defend you.

PRAY: Thank God for coming to this world as a human being.
 Thank Him for His perfect plan in your life, even if it is harder for you.
 Ask Him to help you be faithful in all things this day, even if you are falsely criticized.



WEDNESDAY

READ: Matthew 3:1-17

THINK ABOUT: By this time Jesus knew He was to die for the sins of everyone but He hadn't publically committed to doing so until He was baptized. What do you think was going through His mind?

Why did God speak after Jesus' baptism?
 Was it for Jesus, others or both?

Is there any commitment or stand Jesus wants you to take and you are struggling with?

How is God encourage you to move ahead in obedience to Him?

PRAY: Submit to God and say you will obey Him with what He wants you to do in all areas.
If there is one particular area of difficulty ask for His help with it.
Sit quietly in prayer for awhile and listen to Him speak courage and encouragement to you.
Ask God to bless the Bible study at church tonight.

THURSDAY

READ: Matthew 13:1-10, 18-23

THINK ABOUT: What are the 4 soils and what do they stand for?
Which are you?
Why do such a small percent of the people who hear the Gospel respond?
Why is Jesus warning His disciples that those who follow Him will be in a minority?
Have you become discouraged in talking about Jesus because of a lack of response?
Even though most won't respond, why does Jesus want us to keep sowing anyway?

PRAY: Ask God to make sure His Word takes root and grows in your life?
Are their worries, cares, distractions or anything else keeping you from growing spiritually?
Recommit yourself to keep sowing the Word even if people don't respond.
Ask Him to put someone in your mind or in your path to witness to today.

FRIDAY

READ: Matthew 21:1-11

THINK ABOUT: Why did God use this way and this means to let everyone know He was the Messiah?
Why didn't He make such a display of Himself as King all would have to believe?
What would you have thought and done if you were standing by the road that day?
How did Jesus feel when the people didn't make Him their king but went about their business?

PRAY: Make sure Jesus is the King of your life – if so tell Him so.
Thank Him for not forcing you to believe but giving proof and opportunity for faith.
Ask Him to continue to reveal Himself to you as your King.

SATURDAY

READ: Matthew 28:16-20

THINK ABOUT: Write down what commands God gives us in these verses
What can you do today to better keep these commands?
Write down the promise that God gives in this passage. Memorize it.
How can you apply that promise to your life today?

PRAY: Ask God to forgive you for any times you haven't kept these commands.
Ask Him to fill you with His Spirit so you can better keep them this day.
Meditate on His promise, "I am with you always" and the implications for your life.
Ask God to bless the worship service tomorrow and use it for His glory.

DAILY DEVOTIONS

MARK

Monday	Mark 1-3
Tuesday	Mark 4-6
Wednesday	Mark 7-9
Thursday	Mark 10-12
Friday	Mark 13-14
Saturday	Mark 15-16



MONDAY

READ: Mark, Jesus the Servant, article in New Testament Articles

THINK ABOUT: What comes to mind when you hear the word 'servant'?

How is a servant different than a slave?

Which would you rather be?

The Greek word translated 'servant' really is our word for 'slave'. What does this tell you about what Jesus was willing to become for us?

Why would He, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, have been willing to do such a thing?

PRAY: Thank Him for being willing to become a servant for your sake.

List as many ways as you can that Jesus has served you throughout your life.

TUESDAY

READ: Read Mark 1:14-20

THINK ABOUT: Why did Jesus take the time to call others to come with Him when He could have traveled faster and accomplished more without them?

When did Jesus 'call' you to follow Him? Did you do it right away?

Is there anything Jesus is calling you to today? Are you responding to that call?

PRAY: Ask God to clearly reveal anything He is calling you to do (or not do) and commit to follow.

Thank Him for the privilege of serving Him and being called by Him.

Silently think and listen for anything God has to say to you for today.

WEDNESDAY

READ: Read Mark 5:1-13

THINK ABOUT: List some of the characteristics of demonizing from this passage.

Why does Satan treat those who serve him this way?

Who is greater, those who serve God or those who serve Satan? Why?

List some of the miraculous things Jesus did that day.

PRAY: Thank God that when you serve Him you don't have to fear serving Satan (1 John 4:4).

Ask God to show you if there is any way any demons are affecting you.

Pray for God's protection and deliverance over anything Satan wants to do to you.

Ask God to bless the Bible study at church tonight.

THURSDAY

READ: Mark 10:35-45

THINK ABOUT: Why did James and John want to be first in the kingdom?

When do you have the most problem with pride and wanting to be first?

Why did Jesus say they would have to be willing to go through what He went through?

Explain how verse 45 is a summary of the whole book of Mark.

What lessons is Jesus teaching you now about being a servant? Are you learning them?

PRAY: Ask God to make you a fruitful servant to Him.

Confess the areas where you are a poor servant and ask for specific ways to improve.

Ask God to give you opportunities to serve others and to help you make sure you see them.



Jesus Prays in the Garden
John 17:1-26

FRIDAY

READ: Mark 14:32-42

THINK ABOUT: What examples do you see here of Jesus being a good servant?

What examples do you see of Peter and the others being poor servants?

Why was Jesus able to serve God no matter what it would cost?

What can you learn from this passage to help you become a better servant?

PRAY: Tell God you are willing to serve Him no matter the cost.

Ask Him to help you be alert and not asleep when He wants you to serve.

Ask God to give you opportunities to serve others and to help you make sure you see them.

SATURDAY

READ: Mark 15:33-41

THINK ABOUT: Why do you think God made it dark when He withdrew His presence from Jesus?

Why was it necessary for Jesus to be totally separated from God for these hours?

Will God ever ask you to go through anything as difficult as He went through for you?

How do you think the women who were watching felt at seeing this happen?

PRAY: Thank God for being willing to serve you by taking your place in hell.

Tell Him you will serve Him in appreciation for how He has served you.

Ask God to give you opportunities to serve others and to help you make sure you see them.

Ask God to bless the worship service tomorrow and use it for His glory.

DAILY DEVOTIONS

LUKE

Monday	
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MONDAY

READ: Luke, Son of Man, article in New Testament Articles

THINK ABOUT: Why did God inspire Dr. Luke to focus on the human side of Jesus?

List several reasons why it is important to see Jesus as human?

What difference does it make to you that Jesus knows just what you go through?

PRAY: Thank God for becoming a human being like you.

Talk to Him about some of the human struggles you face – He went through them, too.

Ask Him to help you face those struggles as He Himself faced them.

TUESDAY

READ: Luke 1:26-38

THINK ABOUT: Why did God choose to come to earth as a baby, why not save time and trouble and come as a fully grown man?

Why didn't God tell Joseph first, or Mary and Joseph together about the coming baby?

Why did the angel tell Mary to not be afraid?

Zechariah questioned the angel and was struck dumb for unbelief (Luke 1:18). Mary questioned the angel but got a serious answer (Luke 1:34). Why the difference?

Read and ponder Mary's response in verse 38. What is so special about it?

PRAY: Tell God that you are His unconditional servant no matter what He wants from you.

Think for awhile of all Jesus went through as a baby, toddler, child, preteen, teenager, etc.

How does that help you know Him better? How does it help Him know you better?

Thank Him for doing all that for you.

WEDNESDAY

READ: Luke 4:1-13

THINK ABOUT: As a human being Jesus was tempted. Why did God allow Him to be tempted?

What temptations did He face and how are they similar to temptations you face?

How did He overcome the temptation? What did He do each time He was tempted?

What lessons can you learn from how Jesus faced His temptations?

What are some specific Bible verses you can use against temptations you'll face today?

PRAY: Thank Jesus for His example in how to face temptation.

Ask Him to help you remember His example when tempted.

Since no one is exempt from temptation, think about ways you may be tempted today and how you can overcome the temptations. What can you do now to help overcome the temptation when it does come?

Ask God to bless the Bible study at church tonight.

THURSDAY

READ: Luke 7:11-17

THINK ABOUT: Why do you think Jesus brought this boy back to life? Surely He passed other funerals but didn't bring everyone back to life? Why now?

What does it mean "His heart went out to her" (verse 13)?

Let your heart go out to those in need today, it'll make you more like Jesus.

When Jesus looks at you now, what causes His heart to go out to you?

How does it make you feel to know He cares about you that much?

Do you reject or deny God's love by saying you aren't worthy?

PRAY: Confess your sin of rejecting His love and ask Him to reveal His love in a special way.

Ask God to put some who are hurting in your path today so your heart can go out to them.

Sit quietly and let God love you, feel His tender heart toward you, don't reject it but welcome it and thank Him for it.

FRIDAY

READ: Luke 22:54-62

THINK ABOUT: Why do you think Peter followed Jesus even though Jesus told them to flee and hide?

If Peter wanted to be near Jesus, why did he deny knowing Him, even to a servant girl?

When is the last time you denied Jesus because you were afraid? It may have been

something you said or did, or something you didn't say or do even though you knew you should.

Why did Peter weep bitterly?

How do you respond when you aren't faithful to Jesus?

PRAY: Ask God to forgive you for times you haven't been faithful to Him

Is there any way you are currently denying Him or what He wants from you?

Pray that He would make you alert to little ways you deny Him and what He stands for.

SATURDAY

READ: Luke 24:36-49

THINK ABOUT: Why were the disciples startled to see Jesus even though He said He'd return?

What promises of His do you have a hard time believing? Why?

How do you think the fact of Jesus' resurrection changed their life?

How has it changed your life?

PRAY: Thank Jesus for conquering death and coming back to life for you.

Tell Him you believe His promises, even the ones you struggle with.

Ask Him to impact your life today with the reality of His death and resurrection.

Ask God to bless the worship service tomorrow and use it for His glory.

DAILY DEVOTIONS

JOHN

Monday	John 1-4
Tuesday	John 5-8
Wednesday	John 9-12
Thursday	John 13-15
Friday	John 16-18
Saturday	John 19-21



MONDAY

READ: Mathew, article in New Testament Articles

THINK ABOUT: What difference would it have made if Jesus were just a great man but not God?

What qualifications did John have to confidently declare that Jesus was God?

How could Jesus be both 100% man as well as 100% God?

If Jesus really was God, why would He leave everything to go through what He did?

Do you totally believe Jesus is God? What difference should that make in your life today?

PRAY: Thank God for leaving heaven to come to earth as a man and also as God.

Thank God for all the traits you love about Him as God.

Spend some time worshipping Him as the God of the universe.

TUESDAY

READ: John 1:1-14

THINK ABOUT: Why was Jesus called the 'Word' instead of Jesus? In what was Jesus the 'Word'?

Why was Jesus called the 'Light'? What is similar between light and Jesus?

How did the world respond to the Word coming to them?

What does He promise for His people in this passage?

How does this passage tell us that we become one of His children?

PRAY: Ask God to reveal His truth to you through the Word. Silently sit and listen to Him.

Ask God to guide your way with His light this day. Silently sit and look for His direction.

Ask God to reveal His glory to you through Jesus as you silently sit and think about Him.

WEDNESDAY

READ: John 2:1-11

THINK ABOUT: Why do you think Jesus was hesitant to get involved? Why did He anyway?

What did Jesus mean "my time has not yet come"?

Why didn't Jesus want to take credit for the miracle?

How did His disciples respond to this miracle?

When God does something special in you or through you, are you careful to give God all the credit?

PRAY: Has anything happened in your life that could be called a real miracle? Thank God for it.

Pray God would give you a humble, servant spirit like Jesus has.

Thank God for the ways He has served you through the years, ways you aren't aware of.
Ask God to bless the Bible study at church tonight.

THURSDAY

READ: John 3:1-21

THINK ABOUT: Why do you think Nicodemus came to Jesus? What might have been different when he left?

What does the figure of speech 'born again' refer to? What is the parallel in nature? Why does Jesus use this as a picture of salvation?

In what way is the serpent in the wilderness a picture of belief?

When will those who don't believe be condemned (verse 18)?

Why do many people prefer darkness over light (verse 19-20)?

PRAY: Thank God for the light He has sent into your life and ask Him to help you follow it this day.

Ask Him to help you live by the truth and to continue to walk in the light.

Think of those you will come in contact with today who don't live by the truth but live in darkness. Pray for God to open their eyes to His truth. Ask Him to give you opportunities to share His love and light with them this day.

FRIDAY

READ: John 4:4-30

THINK ABOUT: Why did Jesus 'have to' go through Samaria on His way home?

List several proofs from this passage that Jesus is God.

What made the great change in the woman?

When you talk to her in heaven, what questions would you like to ask her?

PRAY: The woman had to face the sin in her life to move ahead with Jesus. If there is any sin in your life stop and confess it, putting it under the blood of Jesus.

Remember when Jesus went out of His way to meet you and your needs. Thank Him for it.

List all the ways your life has changed because of Him and thank you for each one of them.

Ask God to give you opportunities today to tell others what Jesus did for you, just like the woman did.

SATURDAY

READ: John 10:1-18

THINK ABOUT: What are some of the similarities between this shepherd and Jesus?

What are the dangers the sheep face and how does shepherd Jesus take care of them?

Contrast Jesus the good shepherd with Satan and those who would seek to destroy us.

Write down several promises from this passage that you can use in your daily life.

PRAY: Thank God for these promises and pray them one by one, asking Him to bring them about in your life this day.

If there are any ways you haven't been obedient to your shepherd Jesus confess them and ask Him to forgive them.

Commit to thinking of yourself as a sheep and Jesus as your shepherd all day today.

Ask God to bless the worship service tomorrow and use it for His glory.

DAILY DEVOTIONS

ACTS

Monday	Acts 1-5
Tuesday	Acts 6-10
Wednesday	Acts 11-15
Thursday	Acts 16-20
Friday	Acts 21-24
Saturday	Acts 25-28



MONDAY

READ: Acts article in New Testament Articles

THINK ABOUT: Why did God want to continue the story of the early church after Jesus ascended?
 Why is the church so important to God?
 Man has been spreading the Gospel from the time of Jesus, generation to generation. Who shared the gospel with you? Who have you shared it with?
 Why do you think God chose Luke to write the account of the early church?

PRAY: Thank God for the person who shared the gospel with you. Pray for that person.
 Think of those you have shared the gospel with but rejected. Pray for each one of them.
 Think of those you have shared the gospel with who have accepted. Pray for each one.
 Ask God to bring someone into your life today with whom you can share the gospel.

TUESDAY

READ: Acts 2:1-4, 42-47

THINK ABOUT: What are some of the characteristics of the early church?
 How does the early church compare to the church today?
 Why was it so important for them to wait for the Holy Spirit?
 Name some of the specific ways the Holy Spirit has been working in your heart.

PRAY: Ask God to make you more aware of the work of the Holy Spirit in your life.
 Sit quietly and listen to God's Spirit speak to your heart and mind.
 Ask God to show you how you can minister to those around you as the early church did.

WEDNESDAY

READ: Acts 7:54 – 8:3

THINK ABOUT: Why did people so hate Stephen that they killed him?
 How do you respond when people reject you and your faith?
 What is the worst persecution you ever received?
 Why does the passage keep mentioning Paul's (Saul) role in this?

PRAY: Respond as Stephen did and pray for those who persecuted you for your faith.
 Ask God to give you patience and love for those who reject Him and take it out on you.
 Think of someone who is rejecting the gospel and pray for them by name.
 Ask God to bless the Bible study at church tonight.

THURSDAY



READ: Acts 9:1-6

THINK ABOUT: Why did God go out of His way to save the church's worst enemy?
What did God do to get Paul's attention and reveal Himself to Paul?
What did God do to get your attention when He was revealing Himself to you?
Put yourself in Paul's place when he realized he was talking to Jesus Himself!

PRAY: God had mercy on Paul despite how Paul treated His people. Is there any enemy of the gospel that you should be showing mercy to in Jesus' name?
In what ways does God reveal Himself to you today? How do you respond?
List as many ways as you can in which God showed you mercy. Thank Him for each one.

FRIDAY

READ: Acts 10:9-18

THINK ABOUT: What lesson was God trying to teach Peter by doing this?
Why do you think He used this method of conveying this truth?
Why was Peter so resistant, why did he argue with God?
How would your life be different if God hadn't allowed Gentiles into the kingdom?

PRAY: Is there any lesson God is trying to teach you which you are resisting? Ask God.
Ask God to forgive you if you are rejecting anyone, thinking of them as too bad for God.
Thank Him for allowing you as a Gentile to have salvation without becoming a Jew?

SATURDAY

READ: Acts 13:1-3; 15:36; 18:23

THINK ABOUT: Did Paul decide he wanted to travel and start churches or was it something God put in his heart and called him to do?
Why did God want Paul to travel and start churches in other countries?
What is God calling you to do for Him?

PRAY: Spend some time listening to God tell you what He wants you to do for Him.
Ask Him to show you what you can do about this today.
Praise Him for His plan for offering salvation to anyone who opens their heart.
Ask God to bless the worship service tomorrow and use it for His glory.

DAILY DEVOTIONS

ROMANS

Monday	Romans 1-3
Tuesday	Romans 4-6
Wednesday	Romans 7-9
Thursday	Romans 10-11
Friday	Romans 12-13
Saturday	Romans 14-15

MONDAY

READ: Romans, Salvation in New Testament Articles

THINK ABOUT: What makes Romans such a special book?

Why does “the righteous shall live by faith” (Romans 1:16-17) summarize the whole book of Romans?

Romans 8:28 is one of the best known verses in the book.

How does it apply to what is happening in your life?

PRAY: Ask God to give you an appetite and desire to read

Romans this week – and to grow because of it.

Pray that God would help you arrange priorities so you make time to read this special book.

Thank Him that Roman 8:28 is true in your life.



TUESDAY

READ: Romans 3:9-20

THINK ABOUT: What do these verses say about the condition of the human race?

What are some of the specific sins that are pointed out? Are you guilty of any of these?

Why does Paul try so hard to show man's sinfulness, why not just talk about redemption?

PRAY: Think about some of the sin areas you struggle with most and ask God for grace.

Sit and think about God's great love which is so much greater than our sin. Thank Him.

Ask Him to remind you before you sin today so you can seek His help in turning from it.

WEDNESDAY

READ: Romans 3:21-31

THINK ABOUT: 'But' is one of the most important words in this passage. What is the contrast between the previous verses and these?

Summarize what God's solution to the sin question is as described here.

What are some of the benefits for us as mentioned in this passage?

PRAY: Thank God for all He has done for you through salvation in Jesus.

Paul says there is nothing to boast about on our part of it is all from Him so thank Him,

Praise and worship Him to give Him the credit and the glory for it.
Think of those you know who are still in their sin and ask God to show you how you can help show His love and grace to them.
Ask God to bless the Bible study at church tonight.

THURSDAY

READ: Romans 5:1-11

THINK ABOUT: Paul lists several of the privileges that are ours as believers. Make a list of as many as you can find. You can use the Personal Notes and Observations page.
Which ones haven't you been aware of?
Which ones mean the most to you personally?
What should our response be to such a God as this?

PRAY: Thank God for each blessing on the list one by one. Think of each one as a special gift.
Ask God to help you appreciate and use these benefits He has given you.
Commit yourself to love and serve Him in response for what He has done for you.

FRIDAY

READ: Romans 5:12-21

THINK ABOUT: Make 2 columns on the Personal Notes page. Label one Adam and the other Christ. From this passage write down as many contrasts between the 2 as you can find or think of.
Why did God come to earth as Jesus to undo what Adam had done?

PRAY: Think of each instance of God's grace in your life and thank God for it.
Write down the names of 3 people you know who are still on the Adam side of the column.
Pray for their salvation every day and every time you think of them.

SATURDAY

READ: Romans 8:28-39

THINK ABOUT: On the Personal Notes and Observations page in this notebook list as many promises as you can from this passage. Go slowly and look carefully.
These are excellent verse to memorize. Write out one or 2 of them on a small piece of paper to carry with you and read over and over until you memorize it.

PRAY: Thank God for each of these promises.
Look at the promises and meditate over where you can use various ones in your life.
Sit quietly and listen to God use these truths to speak peace to your spirit.
Ask God to bless the worship service tomorrow and use it for His glory.



DAILY DEVOTIONS

1 CORINTHIANS

Monday	1 Corinthians 1-3
Tuesday	I Corinthians 4-6
Wednesday	I Corinthians 7-9
Thursday	I Corinthians 10-12
Friday	I Corinthians 13-14
Saturday	I Corinthians 15-16

MONDAY

READ: 1 Corinthians, Worldly Wisdom, article in New Testament Articles

THINK ABOUT: Why is it always true that the greatest difficulties to the church come from within rather than without?

How is this true today?

What was the city of Corinth like? How is it similar to today?

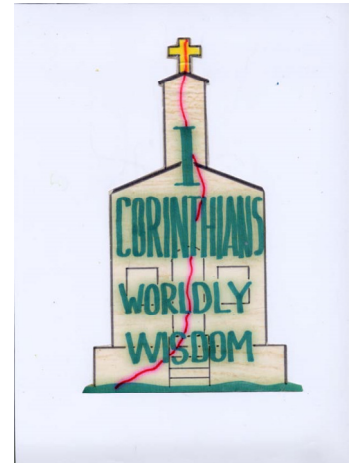
How did each of the problem areas at Corinth relate back to their unbiblical world view of using worldly wisdom?

Are you influenced by the worlds thinking in any of these areas?

PRAY: Ask God to help you impact the world around you for Him this day and to not let the world put its impact on you.

Give God time to filter your thoughts and bring to mind any that are based on the world's value system instead of God's. Confess them and replace them with God's truth.

Ask God to do this in your mind through the day as needed.



TUESDAY

READ: I Corinthians 3:1-4

THINK ABOUT: What is Paul trying to show by equating babies who need simple food with believers who haven't grown spiritually?

How much 'solid food' of the Bible do you understand, or are you in need of only simple things.

What are some of the disadvantages of being spiritually immature and weak?

PRAY: Ask God to show you areas where you haven't been growing as you need to be.

Listen to Him speak to you about your time priorities – are you spending as much time reading and studying the Bible as God wants you to? Is there anything you should change?

Thank Him for the Word, what you have learned, and those who have taught you.

WEDNESDAY

READ: I Corinthians 6:12-20

THINK ABOUT: Paul gives several reasons why sexual immorality of any kind is wrong.

List as many as you can on the Personal Observations page.

Why is sexual immorality such a big temptation to man in every generation?

PRAY: Ask God to make sure your thoughts, words and actions are all pure.

Confess any that aren't 100%

Request that God bring to mind any impure thoughts as soon as you have them. Remember temptation isn't sin, but if you entertain them it becomes sin and must be confessed.

Ask God to bless the Bible study at church tonight.

THURSDAY

READ: I Corinthians 8:9,13; 9:24-27; 10:23-24,31

THINK ABOUT: There are many activities that the Bible doesn't speak to today. Sometimes its hard to know what we as Christians should do or not do. This passage lists several important principles that can help us decide about questionable activates in our lives.

List as many as you can on the Personal Notes and Observations page.

How do these help you decide what Jesus would do in various situations?

Which of these speak most strongly to you in your present situation?

What guidance can you glean from them to help you be more like Jesus today?

PRAY: Confess any actions or behavior you have been involved with you realize is wrong.

Ask God to help you remember these principles when they are needed in life.

FRIDAY

READ: I Corinthians 11:23-32



THINK ABOUT: Why does Paul go to such extent to warn them about sin and the Lord's Supper?

Why is partaking of the Lord's Supper with sin such a grievous offense to God?

PRAY: There shouldn't be sin in our lives ANY time – ask God to show you any in your life.

Confess it and put it under the blood of Jesus. Accept His forgiveness.

SATURDAY

READ: I Corinthians 15:12-28

THINK ABOUT: What are some consequences if Jesus never came back to life? (v. 12-19)

What results do we enjoy because He did come back to life? (v. 20-28)

Write down the promises we have about life after death on the Personal Observations page.

How would your life today be different if there was no eternal life awaiting you?

PRAY: Spend time praising Him and thanking Him in detail that you have eternal life.

Do you fear dying? Don't fear what happens after you die. Ask God to give you peace.

Ask God to bless the worship service tomorrow and use it for His glory.

DAILY DEVOTIONS

2 CORINTHIANS

Monday	2 Corinthians 1-3
Tuesday	2 Corinthians 4-5
Wednesday	2 Corinthians 6-7
Thursday	2 Corinthians 8-9
Friday	2 Corinthians 10-11
Saturday	2 Corinthians 12-13

MONDAY

READ: 2 Corinthians, A Godly Ministry, article in New Testament Articles

THINK ABOUT: What was Paul's motive in writing this letter to the Corinthian church?

Why does Paul talk so much about himself in this book?

Paul is writing to defend himself against charges others are bringing against him. What are some of those charges and how does Paul answer them?

PRAY: Pray for those who criticize you or who have things against you. Ask God to show you how you should respond to their charges. Pray saying you forgive them and release any right you think you have to see them suffer for what they did to you.



TUESDAY

READ: 2 Corinthians 3:1-6

THINK ABOUT: Paul uses the word 'competent' a lot. What does it mean?

What is Paul referring to in our lives as Christians by the word 'competent'?

Meditate on 'our competence comes from God.'

What does that mean to you? Where do you need it most?

PRAY: Ask God to apply His competence to your life today in the areas where you need it. Thank Him for the confidence He gives us to be able to do anything He wants through Him.

WEDNESDAY

READ: 2 Corinthians 4:7-18

THINK ABOUT: What are the 'jars of clay' Paul talks about?

What is the 'treasure' that is in them?

What does Paul mean when he says he carries around in his body the death of Christ?

Paul uses several truths to encourage the Corinthians to faithfully persevere. What are they?

PRAY: Meditate on these verses. Personalize them to yourself and pray them to God. Ask God to help you persevere in areas where you are getting weak and weary. Ask God to bless the Bible study at church tonight.

THURSDAY

READ: 2 Corinthians 11:22-33

THINK ABOUT: Is Paul bragging about this? Why is he telling them all this?

How do you know when to tell someone about all that God has used you to accomplish?

How can we tell about what God has done through us but not seem like we take credit?

Why did Paul continue to serve despite all these sufferings?

PRAY: Confess any self pity you feel toward yourself because of the things God lets you go through
Thank Him for the privilege of suffering for Him.

Ask God to give you opportunities to share what you have gone through for Him without it seeming like you are taking the credit yourself.

FRIDAY

READ: 2 Corinthians 12:1-10

THINK ABOUT: What is Paul's point in telling about the man who died and saw heaven?

Scholars agree Paul was that man, so why doesn't he say so?

Why was Paul given his thorn in the flesh?

What did he learn through the experience?

What weakness or trial has God given you to keep you humble and close to Him?

In what ways are you learning that God's grace is sufficient?

PRAY: Thank Him for it and how it keep you closer to Him.

Ask God to forgive you for not relying on His grace to handle these things.

Ask Him to show you how you can depend on Him to help you through them.

SATURDAY

READ: 2 Corinthians 12:19-21

THINK ABOUT: Why does Paul tell them that he told them all this about himself?

What concerns does Paul have for their relationship with him?

What activities is Paul afraid he will find them doing when he comes?

Which of these things would God say you were guilty of?

Why is it important not be guilty of these things? Be specific.

PRAY: Confess any of these you are guilty of.

Ask God to help you keep your eyes on Him and Him alone this day.

Ask God to bless the worship service tomorrow and use it for His glory.



DAILY DEVOTIONS

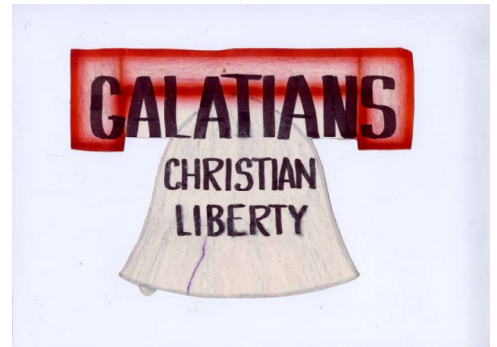
GALATIANS

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MONDAY

READ: Galatians, Christian Liberty, article in New Testament Articles

THINK ABOUT: Why do we make such a big deal about Christian liberty? What's so bad about a little legalism if it keeps people living more like God wants?
 Why does Paul talk about himself in Galatians?
 What motivates you to live for God – fear if you don't, wanting to impress God or get something from God, or love and appreciation for Him?



PRAY: Ask God to clearly reveal to you the motives for what you do for Him.
 Confess any wrong motives that you have.
 If you are taking advantage of the freedom you have in Christ ask for forgiveness from that.
 Ask God to help you enjoy your freedom without taking advantage of it.

TUESDAY

READ: Galatians 1:6-9

THINK ABOUT: A good counterfeit is close to the original but not the same. Satan tries to counterfeit the Gospel in many ways to distract people from the truth. What are some of these false belief systems that attract people today?
 Why do people pay so much attention to belief systems that aren't true?
 Which ones have attracted you in the past? What have you learned about them?

PRAY: Thank God for revealing His truth to you and freeing you from deception.
 Pray for those you know who still allow themselves to be deceived. Pray God would open their eyes. Ask Him what you can do to help them.

WEDNESDAY

READ: Galatians 2:17-21

THINK ABOUT: What does Paul mean when he says he has been crucified with Christ?
 What all is implied in the phrase 'Christ lives in me.'?
 Write Galatians 2:20 on a small piece of paper and read it over and over until memorized.

PRAY: Sit quietly and meditate on each phrase of Galatians 2:20. Pray about each part, thanking God and sitting letting Him speak His truth to your heart.

Ask God to bless the Bible study at church tonight.

THURSDAY

READ: Galatians 5:1

THINK ABOUT: On the Personal Observations page make a list of all the things Christ has set you free from.

Behind each item write down what He has replaced it with.

What are some ways we can allow ourselves to go back under a 'yoke of slavery'?

What are some of the ways people take advantage of the grace & freedom we have?

PRAY: Ask God to help you 'stand firm' in you freedom in Christ.

Intercede for Christians you know who have put themselves back under bondage of any kind.

Ask for opportunities today to share with others the freedom you have in Jesus.

FRIDAY

READ: Galatians 5:13-15

THINK ABOUT: What are some ways in which we can use our freedom to indulge our sinful nature?

Give some examples of what it means to serve one another in love.

Who can you serve in love today?

How can you know if you are loving your neighbor as yourself?

PRAY: Ask God to give you opportunities to serve in love today, and to make you alert to them.

Pray for those you have a hard time loving as yourself. Ask God to give you His love for them.

Think of some of the ways God is serving you in love and thank Him for them.

SATURDAY

READ: Galatians 5:16-26

THINK ABOUT: What does it mean to 'live by the Spirit' (verse 16, 25) ?

How do you know if you are doing it?

Count how many of the sins listed in verses 19-21 you were guilt of.

Which of these are you still involved with?

Read the fruit of the Spirit – which do you need most now and why?

PRAY: Confess any sin you currently have in your life and ask for victory over it.

Slowly read Galatians 5:22-25 and meditate on each fruit. Pray for God to produce each one you need in your own life. Pray for this each morning when you pray.

Ask God to bless the worship service tomorrow and use it for His glory.



DAILY DEVOTIONS

EPHESIANS

Monday	Ephesians 1
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MONDAY

READ: Ephesians, In Christ, article in New Testament Articles

THINK ABOUT: What does the phrase ‘in Christ’ mean? Be specific, for if you don’t understand it well you won’t understand Ephesians or what you’ll be reading this week.

Take some time to think in depth of how different your life would be without Jesus. The difference is what you have ‘in Christ.’

PRAY: Take time to thank God in detail for all you have in Him.

Pray for someone you know who isn’t in Christ.

Ask God what you can do to help reach them with the truth.



TUESDAY

READ: Ephesians 1:3-14

THINK ABOUT: On the Personal Notes and Observations page make a detailed list of all the spiritual blessings that are listed in this passage. Take your time and don’t miss any! Which ones of these mean the most to you personally? Why? Why is it important to know about all these things we have in Christ? Pick one blessing on your list and write it down where you’ll remember it and think of it all day.

PRAY: This passage starts off asking us to praise God for these things (v. 4) so take time to do so. Think of someone who can’t praise God for these things and pray for their salvation this day.

WEDNESDAY

READ: Ephesians 2:1-10

THINK ABOUT: On the Personal Observations page list what Paul says about us before salvation (v. 1-3)

‘But’ (v. 4) changes it all. List what we now have in verses 4-10.

Why is salvation all by grace, why can’t we add anything to it?

What does this passage teach us about God the Father?

What does this passage teach us about God the Son, Jesus?

PRAY: Meditate on the truth that you are God’s workmanship, created to do the good works He planned for you to do before you were born. What does this mean to you?

Think of what good things God has for you in the future. Thank Him for them now.

Ask God to bless the Bible study at church tonight.

THURSDAY

READ: Ephesians 4:17-32

THINK ABOUT: Why does Paul call the way Gentiles live 'futile'?

In verses 18-24 Paul contrasts believers and unbelievers. What are some of these contrasts?
On the Personal Observations page write down all God commands us to do (or not do) in verses 25-32

What things can we do to 'grieve' (made sad) the Holy Spirit (verse 30)?

PRAY: Ask God to show you anything in your life that makes Him sad. Then apologize for it.

Pick out one or two items on your list where you need improvement and ask God to help you with them today. Pray specifically about what He wants you to do to be more Christ like.

Thank God for the truth of Jesus that He has revealed to you.

Sit quietly and enjoy His presence. Worship Him and listen to Him speak to your spirit.

FRIDAY

READ: Ephesians 5:15-21

THINK ABOUT: What does it mean to be 'filled' by the Holy Spirit?

How can you tell if you are filled with the Spirit or not?

What are some of the results Paul mentions in this passage?

PRAY: Ask God to fill you with His Spirit. You should do each time you drift from Him.

Ask Him to show you anything that is keeping Him from having 100% control of you.

Sit quietly and enjoy the presence of God in your life. Let Him fill you with His Presence.

SATURDAY

READ: Ephesians 6:10-18

THINK ABOUT: On the Personal Observations is a simple sketch of a Roman soldier. Label each piece of equipment and what it stands for in our spiritual battle.

Write a short description of how each piece of armor helps us in our battles.

In which of these areas do you need extra help from God?

PRAY: While looking at the picture or the list of equipment, mentally put on each part of the armor as you pray to protect you spiritually in the way the armor would do so to a soldier. Each morning before getting out of bed part of your prayer should be to mentally put on each piece of equipment to help you face the day. Without it you battle the enemy without your armor. No good soldier would do that.

Pray in more detail for the area in which you are the weakest.

Ask God to show you how the enemy is attacking you and what to do to have victory over it.

Ask God to bless the worship service tomorrow and use it for His glory.

DAILY DEVOTIONS

PHILIPPIANS

Monday	Philippians 1
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MONDAY

READ: Philippians, Joy, article in New Testament Articles

THINK ABOUT: Define 'joy'. What are some synonyms (same meaning) for joy? What are some antonyms (opposite meaning) for joy?

When do you have the most joy? The least?

Is joy the same as happiness? How are they different?

If you could only have one, would you want joy or happiness? Why?

PRAY: Thank God for the joy He gives despite circumstances.

Ask Him to fill you with joy, the fruit of His Spirit, this whole day and week.



TUESDAY

READ: Philippians 1:3-11

THINK ABOUT: The church at Philippi was the one Paul was closest to. They had a deep mutual love and respect for each other. Who do you feel very close to spiritually?

Why is it important to have someone who is there for you to talk to about spiritual things?

Who do you know that faithfully and regularly prays for you?

Who do you support spiritually and regularly pray for?

PRAY: Thank God for those who support and pray for you.

Pray for those who are and have been close to your spiritually.

Pray for those God puts on your heart to remember in prayer.

WEDNESDAY

READ: Philippians 1:20-24

THINK ABOUT: What is your main goal in life? What do you live for?

What do you want to accomplish with your life more than anything else?

What was Paul's main goal, the thing he lived for?

PRAY: Ask God to make His dreams your dreams and His purpose for you your purpose in life.

Are you, like Paul, willing to let Him use you any way He chooses, in life or in death? Take some time to pray and give Him that permission and authority in your life.

Ask God to bless the Bible study at church tonight.

THURSDAY

READ: Philippians 2:1-11

THINK ABOUT: Why does Paul use Jesus as an example of humility for the Philippians?
When do you have the hardest time humbling yourself and being a servant? Why?
Give some examples Paul mentions of how Jesus humbled Himself (v. 6-8)?

PRAY: Thank God for humbling Himself by coming to earth and being your servant.
Ask Him to show you where you need to be more of a humble servant. Sit and listen quietly as He speaks to you.
Pray verses 6-11 to God. Turn the verses into your own personal prayer.

FRIDAY

READ: Philippians 3:7-14

THINK ABOUT: What does Paul mean when He says he wants to 'know' Jesus?
What is the difference between 'knowing' Jesus and knowing about Him?
You know about Jesus, but how well do you 'know' Him?
What can you do to know Him better?

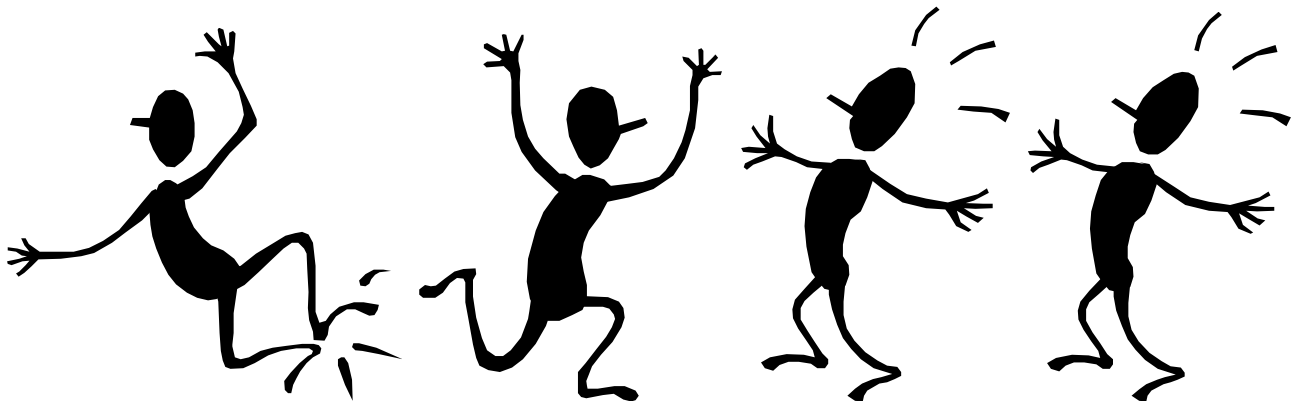
PRAY: Tell God you want to know Him better and ask Him to reveal Himself to you.
Sit now and listen while He reveals Himself to your Spirit. Enjoy His presence.

SATURDAY

READ: Philippians 4:4-13

THINK ABOUT: On the Personal Observations page write down all the commands Paul gives us in these verses. Some are about what we think, others what we say or do.
Verse 8 is a good guide for our thought life. How does yours measure up?

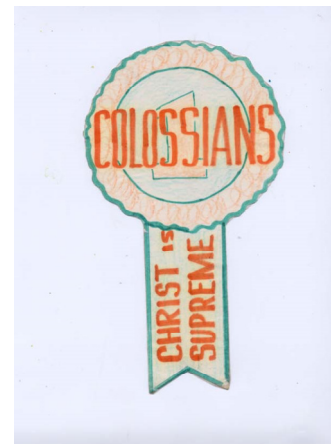
PRAY: Pray through your list of commands from this passage, thanking God for helping you with the ones you are doing OK with and asking for help with the ones you struggle with.
Confess any thoughts that don't measure up to verse 8.
Ask God to convict you so you can stop negative thoughts immediately.
Paul says we are to rejoice in the Lord always, so do that now for a few minutes.
Try to do that as often as you can throughout your day today.
Ask God to bless the worship service tomorrow and use it for His glory.



DAILY DEVOTIONS

COLOSSIANS

Monday	Colossians 1
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MONDAY

READ: Colossians, Christ is Supreme, article in New Testament Articles

THINK ABOUT: What are some of the most prevalent belief systems that attack God and His truth today?

Paul lists several areas where Christ is exalted. What are they?
Give some examples of how He is exalted in your life.

PRAY: Pray for someone who is believing the lies of the false philosophies going around in the world today. Ask God to show you what you can do to help them. Ask God to give you wisdom to see His truth and not be misled by any of these deceptions. That God that Jesus is Supreme over everything in life today. Worship Him for this. Ask Him to show you anything He is not supreme over in your life and remove it.

TUESDAY

READ: Colossians 1:15-23

THINK ABOUT: Make 2 lists on your Personal Observations page. In one list all the things this passage says about Jesus and Who He is. Then make another list of what He does. Think of what you can add to this list.
Put a star before 2 or 3 of the things in each list that mean the most to you personally.

PRAY: Pray about the things you have stared. Praise and worship God for them. Pray Colossians 1:15-23. Instead of 'He' for Jesus say 'You'. When the passage addresses us as 'you' instead say 'I'. You can do this with many Bible passages. Ask God to give you an opportunity today to proclaim this gospel (v. 23).

WEDNESDAY

READ: Colossians 2:6-15

THINK ABOUT: How does Paul tell us to live in Christ? (verse 6-7)
What are some of the basic principles of the world you face each day which are contrary to God's truth (verse 8)
Add to yesterday's list the things Christ has done for you in verses 9-15.

PRAY: Using the list you have made, thank God for everything He has done for you. Thank Him for His forgiveness of your sins. Ask God to show you anyone you haven't forgiven for anything. Forgive that person and pray for them. Ask God to bless the Bible study at church tonight.

THURSDAY

READ: Colossians 2:18-23

THINK ABOUT: Sometimes those who come across as very 'spiritual' really aren't so and can mislead and deceive us, especially as we compare ourselves with them (verse 16-19).
Are there any such person or persons in your life?
Is there anyone who is judging you by what you do or don't do?
How should you respond to them?
Is there anything you can learn and improve from what they say?
Is there anyone you are critical of, even in your own thoughts? Why?

PRAY: Confess any criticalness you have as sin and ask God to forgive you.
Ask God to help you forgive anyone who is critical of you.
Ask God to show you any ways in which you haven't 'died with Christ to the basic principles of this world' (verse 20). Turn them over to God and replace them with His truth.

FRIDAY

READ: Colossians 3:1-4

THINK ABOUT: How often during the day do you think about spiritual things?
What are some of the benefits of thinking of Jesus and heaven throughout the day?
What can you do to remind yourself to keep your thoughts focused more on spiritual things?
What most interferes with you 'setting your mind of things above, not on earthly things' (verse 2)? What can you do about it?

PRAY: Spend a good amount of time now thinking about Jesus and heavenly things instead of things of this world.
Ask God to help you keep your thoughts set on things above so they mean more to you than the things of this world.

SATURDAY

READ: Colossians 3:5-17

THINK ABOUT: Do you struggle with any of the things Paul says we aren't to do?
How can we better 'let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts'?
What does it mean to do everything we do and say everything we say in the name of Jesus? (verse 17) Why is this important?

PRAY: Use Colossians 3:15-17 as the basis of your prayer. Pray about each phrase and command in these verses, applying it to your daily life.
Ask God to remind you of something you haven't thanked Him for (verse 17) and spend some time thanking Him for it now.
Ask God to bless the worship service tomorrow and use it for His glory.

DAILY DEVOTIONS

1 THESSALONIANS

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MONDAY

READ: 1 Thessalonians, Jesus is Coming Again, article in New Testament Articles

THINK ABOUT: Would you say you are a person who is looking up to Jesus and His return?

From what you read about Thessalonica and Paul's letter to them, what kind of a relationship do you think he had with them?

If Paul was writing you a letter, what would he write:

To encourage you in what you are now facing?

To teach you something you needed to know?

To correct something in your life that needed correcting?

PRAY: Sit silently and let God spend some time letting God encourage you, teach you and correct you. Don't rush this, take your time.

Ask God to put the name of someone in your mind to whom you can write a letter of encouragement and teaching (let God do the correcting). Then write it.



TUESDAY

READ: 1 Thessalonians 1:2-12

THINK ABOUT: What are some of the hardships Paul and the others faced?

Why does the world so attack God's people with God's message?

Why doesn't God protect His servants from persecution or opposition?

How did Paul respond to the persecution and difficulties he faced?

How do you respond when you are criticized for what you believe?

PRAY: Ask God to give you the courage to be faithful today no matter what happens.

Pray for those who are most apt to make life hard on you today or any time.

Thank God for counting you worthy for suffering for Him?

Ask God to help you be a good example of faithfulness as Paul was to the Thessalonians.

WEDNESDAY

READ: 1 Thessalonians 3:6-13

THINK ABOUT: What are some of the people with whom you feel a deep spiritual kinship?
Why did Paul want to see them again?
Why didn't God let Paul see them but force him to write to them instead?

PRAY: Pray one by one for those you are closest to spiritually.
Pray 1 Thessalonians 3:11-13 phrase by phrase, applying it to your current needs.
Thank God for those who have built into your spiritual life. Pray for each of them.
Pray for those whom God has allowed you to build into their spiritual lives.
Ask God to bless the Bible study at church tonight.

THURSDAY

READ: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12

THINK ABOUT: What are some of the things Paul wanted them to do in order to please God by their lives? (verses 1-2)
What are some things that Paul says are God's will for them? (verses 3-8)
Do you 'lead a quiet life, mind your own business and work with your hands' (verse 11)?
Why are these things important to God?

PRAY: Ask God to give you love for anyone you don't now love and even more love for the ones you do love (verse 11-12).
Spend some time thinking about and enjoying God's love for you.

FRIDAY

READ: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

THINK ABOUT: Write down the events that will happen in the order they will happen.
In what ways is knowing about the Rapture an 'encouragement' (v. 18) to you?
What difference would it make in your life if you knew Jesus was returning today?

PRAY: Meditate for a few moments about what it will be like for you when this happens.
Thank God for this, that He is coming back for you and it could be any moment!
Pray for those who aren't ready, that they would use this time to be ready for His return.

SATURDAY

READ: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28

THINK ABOUT: On your Personal Notes & Observations page list all Paul's commands to the Thessalonians. Put a star by the ones you want God to help you with today.
What does Paul mean by 'don't put out the Spirit's fire' (verse 19)?
Have you put out the Spirit's fire in your life? What caused this? How can you correct it?

PRAY: Ask God to fill you completely with His Spirit and make sure there is nothing that keeps Him from burrowing fully in you.
Ask God to bless the worship service tomorrow and use it for His glory.

DAILY DEVOTIONS

2 THESSALONIANS

Monday	2 Thessalonians 1
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Thursday	2 Thessalonians 1
Friday	2 Thessalonians 2
Saturday	2 Thessalonians 3

MONDAY

READ: 2 Thessalonians, Jesus Is Coming Soon, article in New Testament Articles

THINK ABOUT: What are some of the positive results about knowing Jesus is coming back?
 What was one of the misuses and abuses of knowing Jesus was coming back soon that affected some Thessalonians?
 What proof did Paul use to show them the Tribulation hadn't started already?
 Is there any work you should be doing but aren't doing, whatever the reason?

PRAY: Ask God to help you balance the importance of daily work with the expectation that Jesus can return at any moment.

Pray that God would keep you faithful to the labor and work of daily life which He has given.
 Also pray you would be faithful to the spiritual ministries He has put in your path as well.



TUESDAY

READ: 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12

THINK ABOUT: What did Paul pray for the Thessalonians?
 Why did he pray this for them?
 Who should you pray this same thing for today?

PRAY: Take some time and pray for those whose name God puts in your mind.
 Pray the same things for them that Paul prayed for the Thessalonians (verse 11).
 Thank God for those who have been praying for you. Pray for them in return.

WEDNESDAY

READ: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-8

THINK ABOUT: Why is God waiting so long to come back? The Thessalonians were expecting Him 2,000 years ago and He still hasn't returned. Why?
What are some of the names Paul uses for the Antichrist in these verses?
What is the significance of each name.
Who is 'the One who now holds it back' in verse 7?
Try to imagine how terrible the world will be when the Holy Spirit and all believers are gone.

PRAY: Thank God for His Holy Spirit and what He does to make this evil world less terrible than it would be without His presence.
Thank Him that when the Holy Spirit is gone you will be gone with Him because of Jesus. If you aren't sure you are a believer then read the page in this booklet called "Plan of Salvation and Prayer for Salvation. If you have any questions contact Jerry Schmoyer, jerry@schmoyer.net, 215-348-8086
Ask God to bless the Bible study at church tonight.

THURSDAY

READ: 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17

THINK ABOUT: What does Paul say God has done for the Thessalonians? (verse 13)
What is God's purpose in calling them to Himself? (verse 14)
What should they do because of this? (verse 15)

PRAY: In what areas of life do you need encouragement (verse 17)? Ask God for it.
For what tasks or responsibilities do you need God's strength today (verse 17)? Ask for it.
Spend some time quietly meditating, letting God encourage and strengthen you for today.

FRIDAY

READ: Matthew 24:36-44

THINK ABOUT: What will characterize the times when Jesus returns?
Why doesn't God tell us the exact day, hour and minute He will return?
What would happen if the whole world knew when Jesus would return?
What should we be motivated to do because we don't know?

PRAY: Thank God that only He knows the time of His return.
Ask God to help you make sure you are always ready, at every moment.
Confess any sin, ask God to show you any changes you should make to always be ready.

SATURDAY

READ: Matthew 24:3-14

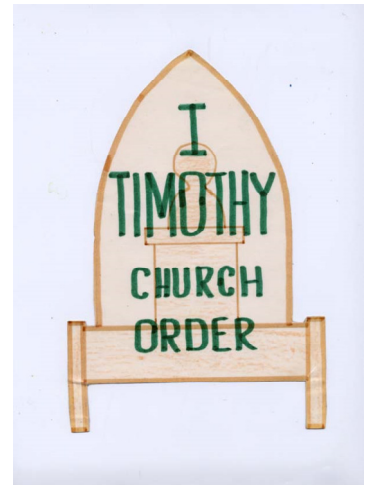
THINK ABOUT: On your Personal Notes and Observations page make a list of the signs Jesus gives of when He will return.
Put a check mark by each of these that is happening today.
Why is Jesus telling His disciples these things?
Why did God want these words of Jesus kept in the Bible for us to read?

PRAY: What difference does it make in your life that Jesus will return one day?
What difference does it make that He might return at any moment?
Ask God to bless and use every minute and every opportunity He has given you until He returns. Ask Him to show you what He wants you to do today.
Ask God to bless the worship service tomorrow and use it for His glory.

DAILY DEVOTIONS

1 TIMOTHY

Monday	1 Timothy 1
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Thursday	1 Timothy 4
Friday	1 Timothy 5
Saturday	1 Timothy 6



MONDAY

READ: 1 Timothy, Church Order, article in New Testament Articles

THINK ABOUT: What struggles and difficulties did Timothy face?

Why didn't God remove them?

Why didn't He have someone else do the job who didn't have Timothy's fear and weakness?

Timothy was like a son to Paul and Paul like a father to Timothy. Who is your spiritual 'father,' the one you turn to for help? Whose spiritual father are you, who turns to you for help when in need?

Take a moment to call, email or write those who turn to you and encourage them.

PRAY: Pray for those you can turn to. Ask God to bless them and use them.

Pray for those who turn to you, that God will help them grow in faith.

TUESDAY

READ: 1 Timothy 2:1-4

THINK ABOUT: Why does Paul specifically mention the importance of praying for government authorities? Do you regularly pray for our country?

Paul says requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving is to be made for everyone. If you don't have a prayer list, start one and write down the names of those God instructs you to pray for.

PRAY: Take some time to pray for government officials, for local ones all the way to the President.

Pray in detail for our country and its needs.

Use your prayer list to guide the rest of your prayer time today.

WEDNESDAY

READ: 1 Timothy 3:1-7

THINK ABOUT: Why does Paul say that being a church leader is 'a noble task'? (verse 1)

Why does God set such strict standards for His leaders.

On your Personal Notes & Observations page make a list of these requirements. They are for leaders, but apply to all God's people for they describe what it is to be like Jesus. No one is perfect in all areas. In which of these do you need the most improvement?

PRAY: Pray about the areas God is showing you that you need to work on.

Pause and think as God tells you what you should do to improve each of these traits.

Pray for the church leaders you know, that God would help bring these about in their lives.
Ask God to bless the Bible study at church tonight.

THURSDAY

READ: 1 Timothy 4:1-6

THINK ABOUT: What are some of the most dangerous deceptions Satan uses today to blind people to God's truth? How can you make sure you aren't deceived?

Paul tells Timothy to point out error to believers who are deceived and lead them in the truth.
Who does God want you to speak to about their deception and God's truth?

PRAY: Pray for those you know who are deceived to see the light of His truth only.

Ask God to show you when and how to go about correcting the deception of those whose names He puts on your heart.

FRIDAY

READ: 1 Timothy 4:11-16

THINK ABOUT: List the things Paul commands Timothy to do in these verses.

So you struggle with feeling inferior because you are young in age or in the faith?

Paul tells Timothy to not let that keep him from following God's lead in His life.

Why is it so important for Timothy to teach the Bible to the people in His church?

Are you faithfully studying and learning God's Word? What stands in your way?

PRAY: Confess any inferiority you may feel as a Christian, and also any times you have used your age or youth in the faith as an excuse to not say or do what God wanted you to do.

Ask God to give you a hunger and thirst for His Word and to help you study it more.

Pray God would help you persevere, especially in areas where you most struggle (v 16).

SATURDAY

READ: 1 Timothy 6:6-10

THINK ABOUT: Why does Paul say godliness with contentment is great gain (verse 6)?

Would God say you are a content person? Where are you least content? Why?

What dangers of 'things' does Paul mention here?

Why are riches a temptation or a trap to many? How can you avoid it?

What does it mean that the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil?

Name some of the kinds of evil that result from greed & love of money?

PRAY: Ask God to search your heart and point out any greed, discontent or love of money you may have. Confess it as sin and ask God to take it from you.

Is there anything God is asking you to give to His church, His work, or someone in need which your greed has kept you from doing?

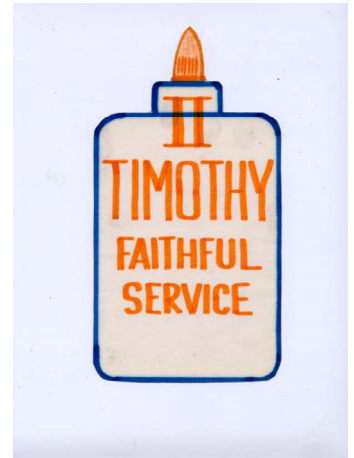
Ask God to help you be content with your circumstances in life in all areas of life.

Ask God to bless the worship service tomorrow and use it for His glory.

DAILY DEVOTIONS

2 TIMOTHY

Monday	1 Timothy 1
Tuesday	1 Timothy 2
Wednesday	1 Timothy 3
Thursday	1 Timothy 4
Friday	1 Timothy 1
Saturday	1 Timothy 2



MONDAY

READ: 2 Timothy, Faithful Service, article in New Testament Articles

THINK ABOUT: When you are at the end of your life and look back on it, what will you want to be remembered for?

What are you doing now to assure that will happen?

Why do you think Paul chose Timothy to write these things to?

Paul must have wondered why timothy couldn't be with him and why he had to settle for writing instead, but god has used that to bless us throughout the generations. This is Romans 8:28 in operation.

Have you considered writing down your thoughts about life and God for others to read after you are gone? We never know when God will take us home and God can use that to minister to others in a very special way.

PRAY: Think about times Romans 8:28 has worked in your life. Thank God for them. Commit your current situation to Him, trusting He will use that for good as well.

TUESDAY

READ: 2 Timothy 2:1-7

THINK ABOUT: What is Paul trying to teach through these illustrations?

Why does Paul want Timothy to pass on to others the things he was taught?

Who are you passing God's truth on to?

How can one be 'strong in grace' (verse 1)? Are you?

PRAY: Ask God to give you some to pass his truth on to. And make sure you pass it on to them. Paul told Timothy to reflect on what he wrote so God would give him insight (verse 7). Spend some time reflecting and asking God for insight into these verses and how they apply to you.

WEDNESDAY

READ: 2 Timothy 2:22-26

THINK ABOUT: Specifically what 'desires of youth' should Christians flee today?

What's so bad about getting into 'foolish and stupid arguments'?

What foolish or stupid arguments are you most prone to get into? How can you stop?

PRAY: Ask God to show you the foolish and stupid arguments you get into today. Confess that.

Pray for God to build the traits listed in verse 22 into you today.
Ask God to bless the Bible study at church tonight.

THURSDAY

READ: 2 Timothy 3:1-9

THINK ABOUT: On your Personal Notes and Observations page list all the characteristics of the last days that Paul mentions here.

Put a check by the ones that characterize people today.

Which of these do you struggle with? How can you have victory over them?

Think of someone who is 'always learning but never coming to the truth' (verse 7)?

Why are some people like this?

How consistent are you in applying the truths of God's Word to your own life?

PRAY: Ask God to help you apply His truth to your life.

Confess any of the sins Paul mentions as signs of the last day that you are currently guilty of.

Humbly thank God for His truth that has been revealed to you and ask Him to keep you from ever drifting from it.

FRIDAY

READ: 2 Timothy 3:10-17

THINK ABOUT: Why does Paul say that everyone who lives for Jesus will be persecuted (v12)?

Why does God allow evil to prosper (v 13) but believers to be persecuted (v 12)?

What does Paul say Scripture is useful for? Which of these are you using it for?

Paul says the Bible thoroughly equips us for every good work. Do you have time in the Bible regularly? Do your priorities need to be adjusted so you spend more time learning the Word? Specifically what adjustments must be made?

Write 2 Timothy 3:16-17 on a small piece of paper. Carry it around with you all day and read it often until you memorize it.

PRAY: Ask God to help you stay faithful despite persecution and not compromise to avoid it.

Pray for those who are undergoing deep persecution for their faith throughout the world.

Thank God for His Word. Ask Him to help you learn and apply it to your life.

SATURDAY

READ: 2 Timothy 4:6-8

THINK ABOUT: Read this passage over and over, meditating on it and picturing Paul in prison writing this knowing he would soon be dead.

Is there anything in life you need to change so you can come to the end of life knowing you have lived a faithful Christian life for God? What must be done, if anything?

Paul says life is like a 'fight' or a 'race' – what do these picture?

What do they have in common?

PRAY: Ask God to help you stay faithful to the end of life so you can say what Paul said.

Spend some time thinking about and thanking God for the blessings and rewards He will have for you in heaven. Praise and worship Him for this.

Ask God to bless the worship service tomorrow and use it for His glory.

DAILY DEVOTIONS

TITUS

Monday	Titus 1
Tuesday	Titus 2
Wednesday	Titus 3
Thursday	Titus 1
Friday	Titus 2
Saturday	Titus 3

MONDAY

READ: Titus, Daily Walk, article in New Testament Articles

THINK ABOUT: Titus assisted Paul for there was more work than Paul could do by himself. Who can you assist in the work of the ministry to make their load a bit lighter? Titus was willing to take second place and serve God by serving Paul. Who does God want you to serve?

PRAY: Ask God to show you whom you can help by serving today. Look for opportunities to serve.
Thank God for those who serve you in any capacity.
Ask God to make you a servant like Jesus is a servant.



TUESDAY

READ: Titus 1:5-9

THINK ABOUT: Why did Paul leave Titus behind on the island of Crete? What kind of man is Titus to look for to appoint as a church leader? Why doesn't matter if a person is rich, powerful, socially prominent or well educated? Such a leader must be hospitable. How are you at showing hospitality to others?

PRAY: Ask God to show you some time or way you can show hospitality to others.
Read each of the characteristics for a church leader and ask God to build that trait into your life so you can be more like Jesus.

WEDNESDAY

READ: Titus 2:1-3

THINK ABOUT: Why do you think Paul chose these things (v 2) for Titus to teach to older men? Why did he pick these things (v 3) for Titus to teach to older women? Compare yourself to the list (men to the men's list, women to the women's list). Do you struggle with any of these? Who comes to mind when you think of someone who is a godly man or woman? What outstanding traits make you think of them as godly?

PRAY: Pray for those who are godly men or women.
Ask God to work in your life so you will be a godly man or woman.

Ask God to bless the Bible study at church tonight.

THURSDAY

READ: Titus 2:4-8

THINK ABOUT: What important duties or traits should a godly young woman have?
What important traits or duties should a godly young man have?
What would you add to the list for women? For men?

PRAY: Thank God for the privilege of becoming like His son?
Pray for young Christian wives or husbands you know.
Ask God to show you anything you can do to help them.

FRIDAY

READ: Titus 2:11-15

THINK ABOUT: How has God's grace that brings salvation appeared to ALL people (v 11)?
What specific acts is Paul referring to by 'ungodliness' and 'worldly passions'? (v 12)
What specific activities of those types will you have to say no to today?
Why is the Rapture called "the blessed hope" (verse 13)?

PRAY: Spend some time thinking about the 'hope' (confident assurance) you have in Jesus. Pray about it, thanking Jesus for it, etc.
Thank God for the grace He has shown you (v 11). Think of all the ways you are a recipient of His grace. Praise Him for it.

SATURDAY

READ: Titus 3:1-11

THINK ABOUT: List what Titus is to tell the people to do (v.1-2).
Give some examples of showing 'true humility to all men' (verse 2).
Titus 3:5 is a good verse to use to show salvation is by grace (like Eph. 2:8-9). Write it on a piece of paper and read it over and over today until you memorize it.
Who do you know that is divisive, who causes problems between people (v 10)?
How does Paul say to handle people like that?

PRAY: Ask God to help you show true humility to others.
Thank God for the blessings of this day: life, friends, daily pleasures, etc. Take your time and name all that you can.
Ask God to bless the worship service tomorrow and use it for His glory.



DAILY DEVOTIONS

PHILEMON

Monday	Philemon 1:1-3
Tuesday	Philemon 1:4-7
Wednesday	Philemon 1:8-11
Thursday	Philemon 1:12-16
Friday	Philemon 1:17-21
Saturday	Philemon 1:22-25

MONDAY

READ: Philemon, Christian Courtesy, article in New Testament Articles

THINK ABOUT: Who comes to mind when you think of courtesy?
Do you think good manners are important to most people?
Why or why not?
How do you feel when someone is courteous to you?
How do you feel when they are discourteous?
What can you do to make yourself more aware of your own manners?



PRAY: Thank God for being a Christian gentlemen in how He treats you.
Ask Him to forgive you for any ways you haven't been courteous to Him.
Ask Him to help you be more courteous to others today and to be aware of your manners.

TUESDAY

READ: Philemon 1:4-7

THINK ABOUT: Before Paul asks Philemon for a big favor he pays him complements.
Why is this a good thing to do?
Do you think Paul was making things up to butter him up or genuinely thankful?
Obviously Paul and Philemon had a good relationship and stayed in touch through writing.
Write a letter or email today to someone you haven't thanked in awhile.
What kinds of things do think Philemon did to 'refresh the hearts of the saints' (v 7)?

PRAY: Thank God for those who are good Christian friends of yours.
Pray for those you haven't prayed for in a few days.
Thank God for them, be specific and thank Him for different things for each person.

WEDNESDAY

READ: Philemon 1:8-11

THINK ABOUT: Philemon's slave, Onesimus, ran away and then became a believer who helped Paul while imprisoned in Rome. Paul is using his influence to intercede for him. Think of a Christian brother or sister for whom you can intercede today – how can you do it?
Why is it better to appeal to someone on the basis of love instead of ordering them to do something? (verses 8-9)

Do you think it was easy for Paul to appeal in love instead of ordering him to do right?

Does God appeal to us on the basis of love or order us around?

What if someone doesn't respond to love but only commands?

What do you need to do today to adjust your dealings with others to be more Christ like?

PRAY: Ask God to make you sensitive to how you speak to others, especially when you want them to do something for you today/ Ask God to make you more Christ like in how you ask. Ask God's forgiveness for taking advantage of His love appeals and sometimes not responding as you should. Thank Him for appealing in love instead of ordering you around. Ask God to bless the Bible study at church tonight.

THURSDAY

READ: Philemon 1:12-16

THINK ABOUT: Paul subtly gives several good reasons why Philemon should be gentle with Onesimus even though he ran away, perhaps even stealing money. Take your time and look carefully, reading 'between the lines' to find as many of these as you can. Paul says he doesn't want to force Philemon, but don't you think he felt some pressure to do the right thing when he read this? Or was Paul just trying to make it easier for him to do what was obviously right – forgive Onesimus and free him to serve Paul and God?

PRAY: There can be a fine line between manipulating someone to do what you want and making it easier for them to do what is right. Ask God to keep you from ever manipulating anyone, and to point out to you when you do so.

Thank God for never manipulating you in any way but respecting your free choice.

Thank Him for sometimes maneuvering circumstances to help you do the right thing.

FRIDAY

READ: Philemon 1:17-21

THINK ABOUT: Paul gives more reasons for Philemon to forgive and release Onesimus. Add them to the list you started yesterday.

Do you think Paul is coming on too strong? Why or why not?

PRAY: Ask God to help you remember those who have stood up for you from childhood on.

Thank God for them and pray for each one by name.

Ask God to bring someone into your life today that you can stand up for and help.

SATURDAY

READ: Philemon 1:22-25

THINK ABOUT: Paul says he wants to come stay with Philemon when released from prison. Do you have a hard time asking favors of others or letting others serve you? Why?

Do you have a hard time asking God for help and allowing Him to serve you? Why?

Do you have a hard time helping and serving others? Why?

PRAY: Kneel to pray and humble yourself before God. Tell Him you will accept help from Him and others in your life. Also tell Him you will humble yourself to help others.

Ask God to bless the worship service tomorrow and use it for His glory.

DAILY DEVOTIONS

HEBREWS

Monday	Hebrews 1-3
Tuesday	Hebrews 4-5
Wednesday	Hebrews 6-7
Thursday	Hebrews 8-9
Friday	Hebrews 10-11
Saturday	Hebrews 12-13

MONDAY

READ: Hebrews, Christ is Superior, article in New Testament Articles

THINK ABOUT: Who was the book of Hebrews written to and why?
Why was the author so anxious to make sure his readers
were convinced that Jesus was superior to everything
else?

Why is it so critical that Jesus is superior to everyone and everything?
Who challenges Jesus' superiority today and why?

PRAY: Spend some time in meditation and prayer, focusing on Jesus' superiority to everything.
Praise and worship Him for His greatness in all things – and for loving you!



TUESDAY

READ: Hebrews 1:1-4

THINK ABOUT: Summarize these verses in a few words which could be a title for this book.
On your Personal Notes and Observations page write down all the things this passage says
about Jesus.
In what ways is Jesus the 'exact representation' of God the father (verse 3)?
What does Jesus show us about God? Take your time to think about this.

PRAY: After thinking about what Jesus shows us about God, spend some time praying and praising
Him for what we see God is like.
Thank God for sending Jesus to show us what He Himself is like, or we wouldn't really know.

WEDNESDAY

READ: Hebrews 4:12-13

THINK ABOUT: List all verse 12 tells us about the Bible.
Behind each one write how it applies to your life.
Notice it doesn't say the Bible judges our actions but our thoughts and attitudes. Why?
Does the fact that nothing is hidden from God (v 13) bring you comfort or guilt? Why?

PRAY: Ask God to sift through your thoughts and attitudes and make sure all are godly.
Sit and reflect on what it means that every thought is known to God – so you don't have to

explain anything to Him. Enjoy His peace and fellowship as you think about that truth.
Ask God to bless the Bible study at church tonight.

THURSDAY

READ: Hebrews 4:14-16

THINK ABOUT: Think of the temptations that are hardest for you to resist. Now think about Jesus facing and understanding those very same temptations.

Why did Jesus want to personally experience every temptation you face?

What difference does this make when you pray?

PRAY: Take your greatest current temptations to Jesus and talk to Him about them, knowing He knows by personal experience what they are like.

Ask for His mercy and grace (v 16) to overcome these temptations.

FRIDAY

READ: Hebrews 11:1-4

THINK ABOUT: How does the writer of Hebrews define 'faith'? What would you add to that?

How can we be sure and certain of things we don't see?

Make a list of the names of all the people who are listed as examples of faith.

Why does the writer give so many varied examples for us? What is his point?

If your name was included in this list, what examples of faith in your life would be included?

Name some people you know today who are good examples of faith and why they stand out.

PRAY: Thank God for the examples of faith He has left us in the Bible and today.

Ask God to help you have a good testimony of faith for others – of course this means you will have opportunities to exercise faith, times of stretching and trials. Are you willing?

Pray for the Holy Spirit to fill you with the fruit of faithfulness. Pray for this daily.

SATURDAY

READ: Hebrews 12:1-3

THINK ABOUT: Who is the author referring to as 'witnesses' watching us?

What are the things which most hinder you (v 1) in your Christian life? Think carefully.

What exactly does it mean to 'run with perseverance' (verse 1)?

When and where do you have the hardest time persevering in your faith?

How does this passage say we develop better perseverance (v. 3)?

What is to be our focus and goal in life (v. 2)?

PRAY: Pray for God to help you have victory over the sin that so easily entangles you (v 1).

Ask God for the fruit of patience (perseverance) from His Holy Spirit.

Ask God to bless the worship service tomorrow and use it for His glory.

DAILY DEVOTIONS

JAMES

Monday	James 1
Tuesday	James 2
Wednesday	James 3
Thursday	James 4
Friday	James 5
Saturday	James 1

MONDAY

READ: James, True Faith, article in New Testament Articles

THINK ABOUT: Who is James?

What do you do you think it would be like to be Jesus' younger brother? Would you have liked not?

Who did James write this book to and why?

What is the relationship between faith and works?

How would James define true faith?

PRAY: Thank God for inspiring godly men to write down His truths for us today. Thank Him for keeping them true in the Bible. Ask God to give you wisdom as you study this book.



TUESDAY

READ: James 1:2-8

THINK ABOUT: Why does James say we should count it joy when we face trials (v. 2)?

Why does James equate perseverance with maturity?

Since patience and perseverance shows maturity, how mature are you?

Define 'wisdom'? How does it differ from Knowledge?

What does James say we should do to get more wisdom?

How does James define double-minded'?

When do you find yourself believing but also doubting at the same time?

PRAY: Ask God to fill you with His Spirit which gives patience/perseverance.

Ask for wisdom as James directs (5-8).

Honestly talk with God about the things you are having a hard time trusting Him with right now. He knows about them anyway. Don't be 'double-minded.'

WEDNESDAY

READ: James 1:22-25

THINK ABOUT: What analogy does James use about someone who reads the Bible but doesn't apply it to their daily life?
What does James say results when we obey the Bible (verse 25)?

PRAY:

Ask God to bless the Bible study at church tonight.

THURSDAY

READ: James 2:14-26

THINK ABOUT: Why does James say that good works must follow faith?
What are some of the examples of good works that James gives?
How does James use Abraham and Rahab as examples of works following salvation?
If Christianity were illegal and you were arrested for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you? In other words, does your changed life show your inner faith?

PRAY: Thank God for the change He has made in your life. Think about how you have changed and praise Him for doing this in your life.

Pray for those you know who claim to have faith but who don't have the actions to show it.

Ask God to convict them so they truly live for Him.

Ask God to give you opportunities to make your faith known to those around you.

FRIDAY

READ: James 1:26; 3:3-12

THINK ABOUT: Why does James make such a big deal about how we talk?
What illustrations does he use to show how something small, like a tongue, has great results?
Why do people have such a hard time controlling what they say?
Would those who know you best say you have a problem with your tongue or not?

PRAY: Ask God to warn you about anything you might say today that wouldn't bring glory to Him.

Use your tongue to praise God, now and throughout the day. Spend some time now committing your tongue to Him and using it to worship Him.

Confess any sins of the tongue and ask God if there is anyone you need to apologize to because of something you said.

SATURDAY

READ: James 5:13-20

THINK ABOUT: There are several important promises about prayer in these verses. Write them down on your Personal Notes and Observations page and use them throughout the day.
Pick one to read over and over until it is memorized.

How does James use Elijah as an example of prayer?

PRAY: James says we should pray for each other (16). Spend your prayer time writing down names of people God puts in your mind and pray for specific needs in their lives.

Ask God to bless the worship service tomorrow and use it for His glory.

DAILY DEVOTIONS

I PETER

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Thursday	1 Peter 4
Friday	1 Peter 5
Saturday	1 Peter 1

MONDAY

READ: 1 Peter, Suffering, article in New Testament Articles

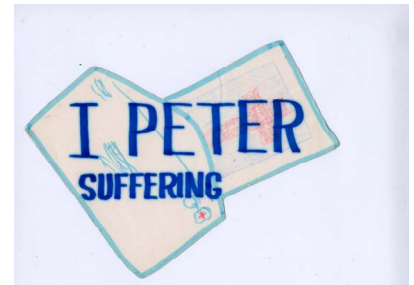
THINK ABOUT: If you asked the average person at the mall if there is any reason or purpose for the suffering they go through, what would they say?

What does the Bible say about the reason and purpose of suffering?

What difference does it make which view you accept? Give some specific examples

PRAY: Thank God that the things you suffer are to stretch and mature you as well as show that God give His people something special.

Ask Him to help you have a Biblical attitude towards the little as well as the big difficulties you will face today.



TUESDAY

READ: 1 Peter 1:1-9

THINK ABOUT: In what ways do trial prove the value of our faith (v. 6-7)?

Think of some ways trials and suffering have matured you (be specific).

How would you be different if you always got everything you wanted in life?

What advice does Peter give in verses 8-9 to help face suffering?

Reach out today to someone who is going through a hard time and encourage them.

PRAY: Thank God for using the suffering and trials of life to mature you.

Pray for those you know who are suffering trials, ask God to make Himself real to them and strengthen them through the trial. Don't pray it would be gone but pray they would learn and grow through it. Pray this for yourself as well.

WEDNESDAY

READ: 1 Peter 2:9-12

THINK ABOUT: On your Observations paper write down all the terms Peter uses to describe the church in verses 9-10.

What does Peter mean by saying his readers are 'aliens and strangers'?

Do you ever feel like you don't belong in this culture, like you don't 'fit' in here?

Why is that? Is it good or bad?

PRAY: Thank God that this world is not your home, but there is a better place awaiting you.

Spend some time thinking of heaven and God's values there, picture what it will be like when you are in heaven with God. Compare it to this life. Praise God for that!

Ask God to bless the Bible study at church tonight.

THURSDAY

READ: 1 Peter 3:1-7

THINK ABOUT: What advice does Peter give to wives about how to influence them for Christ?

What is Peter saying about inner versus outer beauty?

What Christian women come to mind when you read this passage?

How do you (if you are a female) or the women in your life (if you are a male) measure up to the standards Paul sets in verses 3-4)?

What does Peter mean in calling wives the 'weaker' (verse 7) partner?

PRAY: Ask God to help you (if you are female) or the women in your life (if you are male) to meet the standards Peter sets for women in this passage.

Thank God for valuing inner qualities over outer ones.

FRIDAY

READ: 1 Peter 4:12-19

THINK ABOUT: Why shouldn't we be surprised when life gets tough for a Christian? (v. 12)

Why should we rejoice when difficulties come into life? (v. 13)

What blessings are ours when we stay faithful under trials? (v 14)

What does Peter mean when he says judgment begins with the family of God? (17)

PRAY: Don't pray God would remove the obstacles in your life or in others you pray for. Instead pray that you and others would be faithful to God through the trials.

Praise God for faithfully being with you during past trials.

SATURDAY

READ: 1 Peter 5:5-11

THINK ABOUT: On your Observations page make a list of the commands Peter gives in v 5-11.

What does it mean to 'clothe yourself with humility'? How can you do that today?

Give some examples of what it means to 'cast your anxiety on Him' (verse 7)

PRAY: Take all your anxiety, fear, cares and burdens and transfer them to Jesus.

Sit quietly and ask Him to fill you with His wisdom peace and love instead.

Ask God to bless the worship service tomorrow and use it for His glory.

DAILY DEVOTIONS

2 PETER

Monday	2 Peter 1:1-11
Tuesday	2 Peter 1:12-21
Wednesday	2 Peter 2:1-12
Thursday	2 Peter 2:13-22
Friday	2 Peter 3:1-9
Saturday	2 Peter 3:10-18

MONDAY

READ: 2 Peter, Keep the Faith, article in New Testament Articles

THINK ABOUT: Peter was not known for his faithfulness while with Jesus (he denied knowing him to a servant girl) but later became known for his faithfulness. What changed him? How did it happen? How can you make sure this happens to you?

PRAY: Thank God for His faithfulness to you.
Ask Him to help you be faithful to Him today.



TUESDAY

READ: 2 Peter 1:1-9

THINK ABOUT: On your Observations page list all the spiritual traits Peter mentions in 5-7. Behind each write an example of how God has helped you to have that quality. Put a small checkmark by each trait you would like to see improved.

PRAY: Pray for each trait you checked as needing improvement and ask God exactly what you can do to improve in that area.
Ask God to fill you with His power (verse 3) this day.
Think of specific areas where you need this power in your life today.

WEDNESDAY

READ: 2 Peter 1:12-21

THINK ABOUT: What eyewitness accounts does Peter give of Jesus' life on earth? What does Peter mean that those who wrote the Bible were 'carried along' by the Holy Spirit? What does Peter say in this passage about his soon-coming death? How does knowing a person will die soon affect his daily life? Shouldn't we all live that way anyway?

PRAY: Ask God to help you live each day as if it were your last, to make it count for God.
Thank God for the time He has given you to live on this planet. Use it for His glory.
Ask God to bless the Bible study at church tonight.

THURSDAY

READ: 2 Peter 3:3-9

THINK ABOUT: Scoffers denied the second coming of Jesus by saying that everything always and only keeps going as it is now, but today's scientific principles. What examples does Peter come to show this isn't true, that God has intervened in history.
Evolutionists say everything in the past happened by the same process as happens today.
What proof can you give them that this isn't true?
What is so dangerous about the theory of evolution?
Why do so many people insist on believing evolution despite its lack of scientific proof?

PRAY: Thank God for intervening in history in the past and for doing so again in the future. Thank Him for intervening in your life as well.
Pray for those who reject the truth of the Bible and instead turn to man's theories and lies.

FRIDAY

READ: 2 Peter 3:10-13

THINK ABOUT: How should the fact that God will one day come back and remake the whole universe affect how we should live today?
Are you looking forward to Jesus' return (verse 13)? How often do you think about it?

PRAY: Thank God for His wonderful plan for the future and His return to earth.
Ask Him to help you live each day as if He would return that very day.
Spend some time meditating and praising God for His sovereign control over the world.

SATURDAY

READ: 2 Peter 3:14-18

THINK ABOUT: What does Peter say about Paul's writings?
What benefit does Peter mention that comes from Jesus' putting off His return (verse 15)?
Just exactly how are we to 'grow in the grace and knowledge' of Jesus?
Are you growing sufficiently in grace and knowledge? Where can you grow more?

PRAY: Thank God for the growth in grace and growth in knowledge that has already taken place in your life. Think of some specific examples and thank God for each of them.
Ask God to bless the worship service tomorrow and use it for His glory.

DAILY DEVOTIONS

I JOHN

Monday	1 John
Tuesday	1 John
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MONDAY

READ: 1 John, Fellowship,, article in New Testament Articles

THINK ABOUT: ‘Fellowship’ isn’t a word we normally use in everyday conversation today outside the church. Just exactly what does it mean?

What is the difference between ‘fellowship’ and every day talking with someone?

How often during the week do you have real fellowship with other Christians?

Name some people you most enjoy fellowship with.

PRAY: Spend some time having fellowship with God as you pray.

Thank God for those who have had good fellowship with.

Pray for opportunities and awareness of them so you can have real fellowship today.

TUESDAY

READ: 1 John 1:1-4

THINK ABOUT: John is referring to his time with Jesus – just what does he say about that life-changing experience?

Why does he call Jesus the Word? What is the significance of that title?

How can what John writes in I John make your joy complete? (verse 4)

PRAY: Ask God to fill you with His joy, a fruit of His Spirit.

Ask God to bless you as you read and study 1 John this week.

WEDNESDAY

READ: 1 John 1:5-10

THINK ABOUT: Why is ‘light’ used as a picture of those who follow Jesus and ‘darkness’ for those who don’t? What is the significance of these?

What is so wrong with claiming to be without sin? Why do some do it?

What does it mean to ‘confess’ our sin?

What does God promise us when we confess our sins?

PRAY: Ask God to show you any sin you may have in your life. Sit silently and listen to Him.
Confess (admit it) any sin that God shows you. Thank Him for your forgiveness.
Ask God to bless the Bible study at church tonight.

THURSDAY

READ: 1 John 2:15-17

THINK ABOUT: What is John referring to when he talks about the 'world'? Be specific.
What does it mean to 'love' the world?
Why can't a person have the love of the world and the love of God at the same time?
When do we develop a love of the world? What causes that to happen?
How can we keep from loving the world?

PRAY: Ask God to point out to you any attachment you may have to the world system around you.
Ask God to reveal to you if any of your goals, values, priorities or motives are based on the world's values instead of God's values. Confess that and replace it with God's true values.
Thank God for revealing His truth to you.
Ask for opportunities to share His truth with others today.

FRIDAY

READ: 1 John 4:7-21

THINK ABOUT: What is so important about loving each others?
Why is God love? What exactly does that mean?
What examples of His love does John refer to?
Why can't we love God if we don't love His people? (20)
How does perfect love drive out fear? (18)
Why must we be commanded to love each other, why doesn't it come naturally?

PRAY: Sit and experience God's love for you for a few minutes. Thank Him for it.
Thank Him for those who reflect God's love to you, those who love you.
Ask Him to fill you with His love for others and to do so this very day.

SATURDAY

READ: 1 John 5:1-10

THINK ABOUT: What does John say shows our love for God?
Why can't a person love God but not love Jesus?
What does this say about Jews and others who claim to have our God but deny Jesus?
Why are love and obedience so closely intertwined?

PRAY: Ask God to increase your love for Him. Spend some time sharing your love with Him.
Pray that God would give you opportunities today to show your love by obeying Him.
Ask God to provide opportunities to share His Son with those who reject Him.
Ask God to bless the worship service tomorrow and use it for His glory.

DAILY DEVOTIONS

2 JOHN

Monday	2 John 1:1-3
Tuesday	2 John 1:4-5
Wednesday	2 John 1:6-7
Thursday	2 John 1:8-9
Friday	2 John 1:10-11
Saturday	2 John 1:12-13



MONDAY

READ: 2 John, Fellowship, article in New Testament Articles

THINK ABOUT: What is John's purpose in writing 2 John?

How would you define the word 'truth'?

What standard(s) do you use to determine if something is truth?

How do those who reject the Bible determine truth?

How would you show an unbeliever that the Bible is authoritative, absolute truth to follow?

PRAY: Thank God for revealing His truth to you.

Ask Him to bring someone into your life today who needs to hear truth about life.

Ask him to give you the words to speak His truth, either for salvation or for living life.

TUESDAY

READ: 2 John 1-2

THINK ABOUT: John says he loves this person or this church in the truth. What does it mean to you to love someone in the truth?

Then he talks about those who know the truth. Who do you think he is referring to here?

Why difference does it really make if we live in truth or lies?

Why are lies and deception such an effective tool for Satan?

Who will you be in contact with today who does not know the truth? What can you do to show them God's truth?

PRAY: Thank God for being the truth and revealing His truth to you.

Ask God to reveal any lies or deceptions you are believing. Sit quietly and listen to what He says.

Pray by name for those you know who are believing lies and deceptions of the enemy.

WEDNESDAY

READ: 2 John 3

THINK ABOUT: Why does John ask for grace, mercy and peace for those he is writing to?

Why does John list them in this particular order?

Look up the meaning of each term and write a short summary on your Observations page.

PRAY: Pray for these one by one, grace, mercy and peace. Thank God for each one. Think of times He has given them to you.

Ask for them today. Sit quietly and let Him fill you with them.
Ask God to bless the Bible study at church tonight.

THURSDAY

READ: 2 John 4-6

THINK ABOUT: John's life and writings all focus on love. Why does he see this as so important?
What exactly does it mean to 'walk in obedience to His commands.'
Give examples of how this applies to your life today.
What does it mean to you to 'walk in love'?
Is walking in love the same as walking in obedience? How are they the same? How are they different?

PRAY: Pray for those who exemplify 'walking in love'.
Ask God to show you any areas where you need to walk in love or walk in obedience.

FRIDAY

READ: 2 John 7-12

THINK ABOUT: How does John say we should respond to anyone who does not believe Jesus is fully man and fully God?
How can you know if you are doing anything to encourage anyone who doesn't believe that Jesus is God?
List some of the belief systems you encounter which don't recognize the deity of Jesus.
How can you help show them that Jesus is God?
Do you have any doubts that Jesus is God? If so read the article "How Do We Know Jesus is God?" on <http://www.mainstreetbaptist.org>. Under Articles click on Apologetics.

PRAY: Pray for those you know who deny the deity of Jesus.
Ask for an opportunity to talk to one person about Jesus today.

SATURDAY

READ: 2 John 12-13

THINK ABOUT: What kinds of things do you think John wanted to tell them but couldn't write down?
Is there anyone you feel God wants you to talk to in person?
How will being with these people make John's 'joy complete'?

PRAY: Ask God to show you anyone He wants you to write to or talk to for Him today.
Pray for those who bring you joy by their presence?
Ask God to make you the kind of person that brings joy to others.
Ask God to bless the worship service tomorrow and use it for His glory.

DAILY DEVOTIONS

3 JOHN

Monday	3 John 1:1-3
Tuesday	3 John 1:4-6
Wednesday	3 John 1:7-8
Thursday	3 John 1:9-10
Friday	3 John 1:11-12
Saturday	3 John 1:13-14

MONDAY

READ: 3 John, Hospitality, article in New Testament Articles

THINK ABOUT: What comes to mind when you think of the word 'hospitality'?

Some people are gifted to be very good at hospitality, but all Christians are to practice hospitality.

When is the last time you showed hospitality to someone in need?

When you think of someone who is very hospitable, who comes to mind? What do they do that makes you think of them?

What are some of the benefits of showing hospitality to others?

PRAY: Ask God to give you some ideas about how you can show hospitality in little ways today and big ways this week.

Thank God for those who have shown hospitality to you in the past.

Pray for someone who isn't very hospitable to you or others. Ask God to soften their heart.



TUESDAY

READ: 3 John 1-4

THINK ABOUT: Why was John so thrilled to hear that his disciple Gaius was walking in the truth? Who have you helped to walk in truth? Write or call them and encourage them to stay faithful. Who has helped you walk in truth? Write or call them and thank them.

PRAY: Pray for those who you have helped spiritually.
Pray for each one that has helped you spiritually.
Ask God to help you walk in truth throughout this day.

WEDNESDAY

READ: 3 John 3:5-8

THINK ABOUT: Why do you think John says 'the Name' instead of 'Jesus'?
What can you do today to help other believers in their daily life?
Who can you show hospitality to in the name of Jesus?

PRAY: Ask God to help you have a reputation for faithfulness among believers.

Thank God for each one who has shown you hospitality and love in Jesus' name.
Silently sit and think of the times God has shown you love. Thank Him for each one.
Ask God to bless the Bible study at church tonight.

THURSDAY

READ: 3 John 9-10

THINK ABOUT: Exactly how would you define 'gossip'?

Why does God condemn gossip?

Is listening to gossip as bad as spreading gossip? Why or why not?

Why is gossip so attractive many people? Why do they do it?

PRAY: Confess any gossip you have listened to or spread.

Ask God to convict you before you gossip or listen to gossip any time to day.

Pray for God to convict those who deal in gossip.

FRIDAY

READ: 3 John 11-12

THINK ABOUT: Define 'evil'.

Write down some characteristics of things that are 'evil'.

Write down some characteristics of things that are 'good'.

What are some ways you can tell if something is evil or good?

PRAY: Confess any evil God shows you in your life.

Ask God to make you more characterized by good.

Spend some time worshipping and praising God for all He has done for you.

SATURDAY

READ: 3 John 13-14

THINK ABOUT: How you would you define the word 'friend'?

What are some characteristics you look for in a friend?

Name some of those who are your best friends.

PRAY: Thank God for your friends. Pray for them by name, mentioning each of their needs.

Ask God to show you what you can do to be a better friend to others today.

Spend some quality time thinking of Jesus as you friend, your best friend. Quietly enjoy His presence and talk with your friend, listening to what He says to you as well.

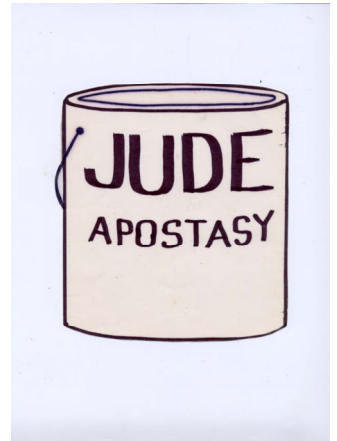
Ask God to bless the worship service tomorrow and use it for His glory.



DAILY DEVOTIONS

JUDE

Monday	Jude 1:1-4
Tuesday	Jude 1:5-8
Wednesday	Jude 1:9-12
Thursday	Jude 1:13-16
Friday	Jude 1:17-20
Saturday	Jude 1:21-25



MONDAY

READ: Jude, Apostasy, article in New Testament Articles

THINK ABOUT: Why are attacks against the church from within more dangerous than those from without?

Can you think of some ways Satan attacks a church from within?

What are some of the false teachings that can slip into a church and cause problems?

What can you do to help prevent this from happening?

PRAY: Ask God to help you be sensitive to and aware of false teachings that may infiltrate your church.

Ask God to help you be sensitive to and aware of false teachings that you may be unaware of but which are influencing you.

Confess any untruths, and lies or deceptions, which you are believing.

TUESDAY

READ: Jude 3-4

THINK ABOUT: What does it mean to 'contend for the faith'?

Specifically what can you do to contend for the faith today?

John warns against those who take advantage of God's grace by taking sin lightly. When are you most tempted to sin knowing you can just confess it and make it all right again?

What can you do to keep from taking advantage of God's grace by?

PRAY: Confess those times you have taken advantage of God's grace by taking a light view of sin.

Ask God to reveal to you times and ways you take advantage of Him and His grace.

WEDNESDAY

READ: Jude 4-7

THINK ABOUT: Why does the Bible so often condemn sexual sin?

What is so bad about sexual sin (be specific)?

Why is sexual sin so attractive and prevalent today?

PRAY: If there is any sexual sin you have been guilty of (in action or thought) confess it now.

Ask God to keep you holy and pure in all you think and do.

Pray for those you know who are involved in any kind of sexual sin.

Ask God to bless the Bible study at church tonight.

THURSDAY

READ: Jude 20-21

THINK ABOUT: How can you 'build yourself up in the faith'? Give specific examples.

How can you 'pray in the Holy Spirit'? Give specific examples.

What does it mean to 'keep yourself in God's love'? How can you do this today?

PRAY: As you begin to pray ask God to help you to 'pray in the Holy Spirit,' to fill you with His Spirit.

Ask God to keep you in His love. Sit quietly and feel His love fill and surround you. Don't rush, take several minutes to just enjoy His presence.

FRIDAY

READ: Jude 22-23

THINK ABOUT: Write down the 3 commands given in these verses.

Give an example of how you can be merciful to someone who doubts today.

Give an example of how you can 'snatch someone from the fire' today.

Give an example of how you can show mercy mixed with fear to someone today.

PRAY: Ask God for opportunities to do the things mentioned in these verses today.

Thank God for the mercy He has shown to you in your life. Think of specific times and thank Him for each of them.

SATURDAY

READ: Jude 24-25

THINK ABOUT: List all the things Jude says about God in this passage.

Write down the promises God makes to you in these verses.

How does each promise specifically apply to you?

When can you use each promise in your own life?

PRAY: Slowly pray through these verses, stopping after each word or phrase and basing your prayer on what it says.

Write or say your own doxology of praise to God. Take your time and enjoy this time of prayer.

Ask God to bless the worship service tomorrow and use it for His glory.

DAILY DEVOTIONS

REVELATION

Monday	Revelation 1-4
Tuesday	Revelation 5-8
Wednesday	Revelation 9-12
Thursday	Revelation 13-16
Friday	Revelation 17-19
Saturday	Revelation 20-22

MONDAY

READ: Revelation, Prophecy, article in New Testament Articles

THINK ABOUT: The book is called 'The Revelation of Jesus Christ,' not the revelation of the future. Why?
What does this book reveal about Jesus and God?
Why do you think God had John write it down for us?

PRAY: Ask God to bless you in a special way this week as you read the book (Revelation 1:3).
Thank and praise God for revealing His future plan to you.



TUESDAY

READ: Revelation 1:1-3

THINK ABOUT: Why does God want us to know what will be happening in the future?
Why does God promise a special blessing to those who study and follow the prophecies in Revelation?
What might these blessings be?

PRAY: Ask God to bless you in a special way this week as you read and study the book of Revelation.
Read Revelation 1:4-8 slowly as a prayer. Use it to guide your prayer by stopping and praying about each word or phrase of it.

WEDNESDAY

READ: Revelation 1:17-18

THINK ABOUT: List all the things these verses say about Jesus.
Behind each one write the implications it brings – what it means for us because He is this way.
Why does Jesus want John to know this about Himself?
Why does He want us to know this about Him as well?

PRAY: Think about forever and ever. Ask God to help you get an idea of eternity. Think about it and praise Him for it. Think of what it will be like to be with Him for all eternity.
Ask this great Jesus to help you with each detail of your day today. Be specific about your present needs.
Ask God to bless the Bible study at church tonight.

THURSDAY

READ: Revelation 5:11-14

THINK ABOUT: Why are the angels praising and worshipping Jesus?
What is the significance of calling Jesus the 'Lamb'? Out of all His names why that one?
List all the angels say Jesus is worthy to receive.
Give an example of how each one applies to Jesus.

PRAY: Pray what the angels said as your prayer. Pray the verses to Jesus.
Use your list to praise and worship Jesus for each item on your lists. Take your time and think about each one.

FRIDAY

READ: Revelation 19:11-16

THINK ABOUT: List the various names used for Jesus in this passage. What is the significance of each one?
Why is He so angry (verse 15)?
What does it mean to you personally that you will never be judged or experience His anger in this way but you will only ever experience His love and mercy?

PRAY: We will be with Jesus when He returns. Close your eyes and picture what you think this will be like for you when it happens. Go slow, take your time and enjoy the time with Jesus.
Thank God you will be with Him instead of being judged by Him when He returns.
Pray for an opportunity today to talk to someone who doesn't know Jesus so they can turn to Him and keep from this judgment.

SATURDAY

READ: Revelation 22:12-17

THINK ABOUT: What acts of service or faithfulness do you think you may be rewarded for (verse 12)?
What 3 pairs of terms does Jesus use to describe Himself in verse 13? What is He trying to communicate by these titles?
What does the phrase 'wash their robes' refer to? Why does Jesus use this way of describing it?
List some of the blessings (verse 14) that come to those who belong to Jesus?

PRAY: Thank God for each individual blessing He has given you. Take your time and praise Him for them.
Think of all you have learned in this study of the New Testament and thank God for that as well.
Worship Him for all you have learned about Him through His Word.
Ask God to bless the worship service tomorrow and use it for His glory.