



**TREASURE IN A FIELD**  
— CAPITAL CAMPAIGN —



**6 WEEK  
DEVOTIONAL**

**CORNERSTONE**  
CHURCH 



# INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this devotional is to turn our focus toward the importance of being a good steward of all that God has given to us. We want to remember that whatever we have comes from God, and that we are called to use those gifts with which He has blessed us to glorify Him.

At the beginning of weeks 1-4, take 5-10 minutes to complete the exercises for that week. At the end of each week, review the weekly exercises to see if there are any changes.

Hopefully, this will be used by the whole family, perhaps it will generate discussion around the dinner table or serve as something to meditate on throughout the day.

It could also be used as a discussion topic in a small group. Finish each day's devotion with the prayer by praying it aloud. The whole devotion is meant to take 5-10 minutes per day.

Finally, don't be discouraged if you miss a day. Each day stands on its own, and you can focus your thoughts, prayers, and discussion on that day's Scripture.

# PRINCIPLES OF CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

1. God is the sole and sovereign owner of all things, including all creation, the body and spirit of the Christian, and all of the Christian's resources.
2. God expects His sovereign ownership to be cheerfully acknowledged as Christians present their entire life as a gift to Him.
3. God holds every Christian accountable for all that has been entrusted to him/her.
4. Christians are steward of life and all things, including time, talent/abilities, and resources/possessions.
5. Christian stewardship requires personal commitment.



# FIRST WEEK: TIME

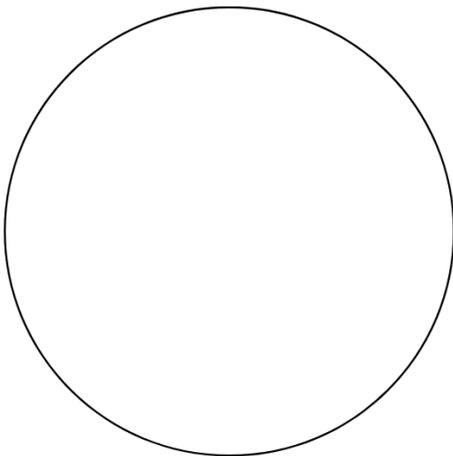
“Using time wisely” is an area of life that is a concern to everyone - from the teacher who marks “satisfactory” or “unsatisfactory” on the report card of the student, to the person who responds to a request to help in the church by saying: “I haven’t the time.”

God gives to every Christian the same amount of time and we are expected to use a portion of it in His Kingdom’s work. It is not a question of not having the time, but of how to organize time.

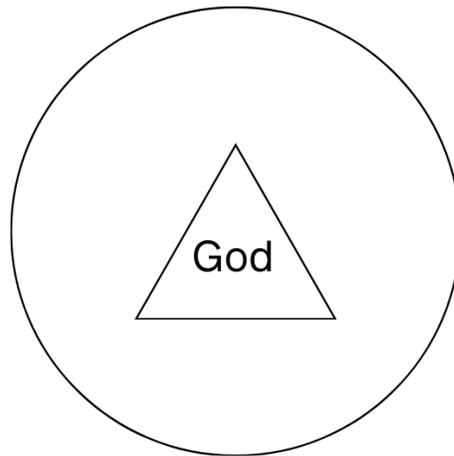
**Read: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8**

Spend 5 minutes to complete the exercise below in the beginning of the week.

1. Divide the circle below into pie pieces representing those weekly areas to which you devote your time.



2. Divide this circle into pie pieces representing your weekly time and service to God.



3. Take a few moments to review the circles. Do you need to make changes in the priorities of your time?



# WEEK 1: DAY 1

**Hebrews 10:22** *Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.*

This verse encourages believers to draw near to God with a sincere heart and full assurance of faith, cleansed from a guilty conscience by Christ's sacrifice. It highlights that Jesus's sacrifice provides direct, confident access to God, inviting a deeper, unhindered relationship rather than distant formality.

## **Reflection Questions:**

1. Do I truly believe that Christ's sacrifice has made me "clean enough" to approach a holy God, or am I still letting a guilty conscience keep me at a distance?
2. When I pray, am I approaching God with a "true heart" - being completely honest about my struggles - or am I presenting a polished, "religious" version of myself?
3. How does the "full assurance of faith" change the way I face current trials or uncertainties? Does it give me the boldness to ask for help without hesitation?

## **Prayer**

*Heavenly Father, thank You for the new and living way opened through the sacrifice of Jesus. I come before You today, not based on my own merits, but with full assurance of faith in Your mercy. I ask that You cleanse my heart from any guilty conscience or doubt, washing me with pure water. Help me to draw near to You in sincerity, fully trusting that I am welcomed into Your presence. Let this confidence fuel a closer relationship and a life of worship. In Jesus' name, Amen.*



## WEEK 1: DAY 2

**1 John 5:14-15** *This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us - whatever we ask - we know that we have what we asked of Him.*

These verses emphasize having confidence in prayer by aligning requests with God's will. It promises that because God hears us, we can trust He will grant what is asked according to His purpose, shifting focus from selfish desires to faithful, God-centered requests.

**Reflection Question:**

Am I praying for my own comfort and agenda, or am I truly seeking to align my heart with God's will so that my requests reflect His Kingdom purposes?

**Prayer:**

*Heavenly Father, thank You for the incredible confidence I can have in approaching You through Jesus. Forgive me for the times I have treated prayer as a wish list rather than a partnership with Your will. I bring my petitions before You, but I submit them to Your perfect, loving purpose. Help me trust that You hear me and that You will answer in the way that is best for me and brings You the most glory. In Jesus' name, Amen.*



# WEEK 1: DAY 3

## **Read Psalm 119:33-40**

These verses are a fervent plea for divine guidance, understanding, and inner transformation to follow God's ways wholeheartedly. The psalmist asks God to incline their heart toward obedience rather than selfish gain, to turn their eyes from worthless things, and to grant life through His righteousness. It emphasizes reliance on grace for sustained obedience.

### **Reflection Questions:**

1. What "worthless things" (v. 37) currently distract my gaze, and how can I practically turn my eyes toward God's word instead?
2. Am I obeying God out of obligation, or am I asking Him to "incline my heart" (v. 36) to delight in His commands?
3. Do I trust in my own understanding, or am I asking God to "give me understanding" (v. 34) to obey Him wholeheartedly?

### **Prayer:**

*Heavenly Father, teach me Your ways and give me the understanding to follow them with my whole heart. Incline my heart toward Your testimonies and away from selfish gain. Turn my eyes from worthless things and revive me in Your righteousness. Confirm Your promises to me, and lead me in the path of Your commandments, for I truly delight in them. In Jesus' name, Amen.*



# WEEK 1: DAY 4

## **Read Psalm 19**

Psalm 19 explores God's glory through nature and Scripture, highlighting the need for inner purification and obedient living. It transitions from praising God's handiwork in the heavens to appreciating the power of His law, ultimately leading to a humble plea for cleansing from hidden faults and for one's thoughts and words to be pleasing to God.

### **Reflection Question:**

In what specific areas of my life (words, thoughts, or actions) are I currently relying on my own strength rather than seeking the purification and guidance of God's Word?

### **Prayer:**

*Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer, I thank You that the heavens declare Your glory and Your Word restores my soul. I ask that You reveal to me my hidden faults and keep me back from willful, presumptuous sins. Cleanse my heart and mind so that the meditations of my heart and the words of my mouth are truly acceptable in Your sight today. In Jesus' name. Amen.*



# WEEK 1: DAY 5

**Galatians 5:22-23** *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.*

The Holy Spirit produces specific, Christ-like character traits including love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. These virtues serve as evidence of God's nature within believers.

## **Reflection Questions:**

1. Which of the nine fruits of the Spirit do I feel is most lacking in your life, and in what specific situation do you need to see it grow?
2. Are you “keeping in step with the Spirit” by relying on His power to change me, or am I trying to manufacture these character traits through your own willpower?
3. How can I actively cultivate a more loving, patient, or self-controlled response to someone who challenges me this week?

## **Prayer:**

*Heavenly Father, I thank You for the gift of the Holy Spirit, who works within me to produce fruit that reflects Your character. I confess that I often rely on my own strength, leading to impatience and selfishness rather than love and peace. Please cultivate the fruit of Your Spirit in my life - specifically [mention a virtue like patience or kindness] - so that my actions may bring You glory. Help me to walk in step with Your Spirit, setting aside my own desires to mirror Jesus to those around me. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.*



# WEEK 1: DAY 6

**John 14:13-14** *And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask Me for anything in my name, and I will do it.*

This is not a "blank check" for personal desires, but a call to pray in alignment with Jesus' character, will, and reputation, ensuring that requests serve the advancement of His kingdom and bring glory to God.

## **Reflection Questions:**

1. When I end my prayers with "in Jesus' name," am I using it as a formula, or am I truly asking for something that reflects His character, will, and reputation?
2. Is my primary desire in this request my own comfort, or the glorification of the Father through the Son?
3. If Jesus is the one answering this prayer, does my request align with the "greater works" (spiritual fruit, ministry, and gospel advancement) mentioned in verse 12?
4. How can I trust God's sovereignty when I have prayed for something good (like healing) that did not happen?

## **Prayer:**

*Lord Jesus, thank You for the privilege of approaching the Father in Your name. I confess that I often pray for my own desires rather than for Your glory. Please transform my heart and mind, that my requests may align with Your will, Your character, and Your kingdom purposes. I trust You with the results, knowing You are sovereign and that all I ask should be for the purpose of glorifying the Father. In Your holy name, Amen.*



# WEEK 1: DAY 7

**Philippians 4:19** *And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus.*

Paul writes this promise of divine provision, assuring that God meets physical, emotional, financial and spiritual needs through Christ. It encourages trusting God's unlimited resources rather than anxiety.

**Reflection Question:**

Do I truly believe that God's supply has no limit, and am I confusing my "needs" with my "wants" in my current situation?

**Prayer:**

*Father, thank You for the promise in Philippians 4:19 that You will meet all my needs according to Your riches in glory in Christ Jesus. I trust in Your perfect plan and Your abundant resources. I bring my current anxieties before You and ask for the faith to rely on You fully. Help me to be a steward of Your blessings and to trust in Your timing. In Jesus' name, Amen.*



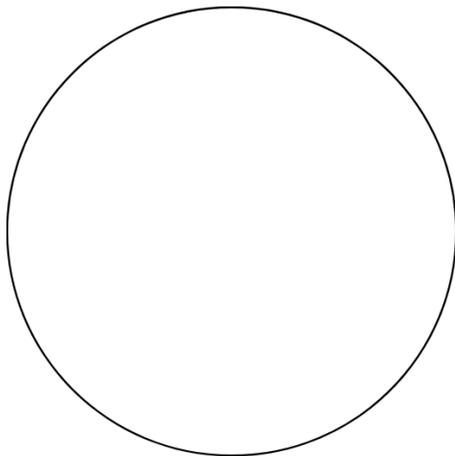
## SECOND WEEK: TALENTS

Few people would argue about the importance of exercise for physical health. It is also important to exercise your talents, your skills, your abilities, and your gifts to maintain spiritual health. It is sad to hear Jesus' words about the person who buried his talent, or Jesus' words about the fig tree that bore no fruit. Think about how many talents you could be using in the Lord's work.

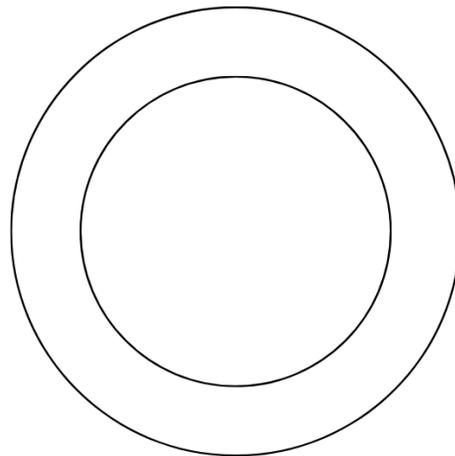
**Read: Romans 12:1-8**

Spend 5 minutes to complete the exercise below at the beginning of the week.

1. In the circle below, write your talents, skills, abilities and gifts.



2. Now organize your talents around God. Write on the inner circle talents that you could use in His service and on the outer circle talents you can use in the community as a Christian witness.



3. At the end of the week, take a few moments to review the second circle? Have there been any changes?



# WEEK 2: DAY 1

## **Read 1 John 4:15-19**

These verses emphasize that abiding in God's love – first experienced through Christ's sacrifice – empowers believers to love others. It reveals that the confession of Jesus connects us to God's nature, removing fear of judgment and transforming our capacity to love because He first loved us.

### **Reflection Question:**

Knowing that God's love for me is the initiating power behind my own ability to love others (1 John 4:19), who is someone I have found "difficult to love," and how can I rely on His strength to show them grace today?

### **Prayer:**

*Heavenly Father, thank You for loving me first. I confess that I cannot truly love others without Your love working through me. I invite Your Spirit to soften my heart, that I might abide in You and reflect Your sacrificial love to everyone I encounter. Let Your love remove my fears and guide my actions. In Jesus' name, Amen.*



## WEEK 2: DAY 2

### **Read *John 2:1-11***

Jesus performs his first sign at a wedding in Cana by turning water into abundant, high-quality wine, revealing his glory and prompting his disciples to believe. This miracle shows Jesus as the redeemer of daily life who transforms moments of scarcity into joy, demonstrating his divine power and grace.

### **Reflection Question:**

Is there an area of "scarcity" or lack in my life where I need to move from relying on my own resources to trusting in Jesus's timing and transforming power?

### **Prayer:**

*Heavenly Father, I thank You for the miracle at Cana, where Jesus brought joy and abundance. I ask that You help me trust in Your timing and power to transform my moments of lack into blessings. Like the servants, may I be obedient to Your word, even when I do not fully understand. Open my eyes to see the glory of Jesus in both the ordinary and extraordinary moments of life. In Jesus' name, Amen.*



## WEEK 2: DAY 3

**2 Corinthians 5:7** *For we live by faith, not by sight.*

This verse calls believers to base their lives on trust in God's promises rather than immediate circumstances or physical evidence. This verse encourages reliance on spiritual realities over worldly logic, navigating life with confidence in God's guidance.

### **Reflection Questions:**

1. What is one area of my life – a decision, a relationship, or a fear – where I am relying on what you can see (sight) rather than trusting God's promise (faith)? How can I actively surrender that to Him today?
2. How has walking by faith in a past, difficult situation strengthened my ability to trust God now?
3. Is my current anxiety driven by an obsession with "how things look," and how can I turn that worry into a prayer of trust?

### **Prayer:**

*Heavenly Father, I thank You for Your Word which calls me to walk by faith and not by sight. Lord, I confess that I often rely on my own understanding and fear what I see in my circumstances. Please forgive me for doubting Your control. Strengthen my faith to trust You, especially when the way forward is unclear or when my feelings tell me to fear. Help me to rely on Your promises rather than my limited perspective. I choose to walk with You today, confident that You are guiding my steps, even if I cannot see the outcome. In Jesus' name, Amen.*



## WEEK 2: DAY 4

**Psalm 118:8** *It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in humans.*

This verse highlights that ultimate security and peace are found in God rather than human strength, promises, or systems. It encourages shifting reliance from fragile human support to the unwavering, faithful, and omnipotent nature of God.

### **Reflection Questions:**

1. What is my default "refuge" when I am anxious or in trouble - people, money, my own skills, or prayer?
2. Where have I placed my "confidence" instead of relying solely on God's strength?
3. What area of my life feels unstable, and how can I practically trust God with it today rather than seeking human solutions?

### **Prayer:**

*Heavenly Father, thank You that You are my ultimate refuge and strength. Forgive me for the times I have put my confidence in people, in my own understanding, or in worldly systems that fail. In this moment of uncertainty, I choose to turn away from fear and trust in Your unfailing love. Help me to rely on You, knowing You are faithful and that Your wisdom is perfect. I trust You with my future. In Jesus' name, Amen.*



## WEEK 2: DAY 5

**Matthew 6:8** *Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.*

Jesus teaches that prayer is for building relationship and trusting God's sovereignty, rather than informing a distant deity or manipulating outcomes with many words. It encourages sincere, simple, and heartfelt communication with a loving Father.

**Reflection Question:**

If God already knows my needs before I ask, am I praying to inform Him, or to align my heart with His will and trust His care?

**Prayer:**

*Heavenly Father, thank You that You know my needs better than I do. Forgive me for when I treat prayer like a checklist or try to use many words to get my own way. Help me to trust Your loving, sovereign care, and to focus my prayers on knowing You and seeking Your kingdom first. In Jesus' name, Amen.*



## WEEK 2: DAY 6

**1 Thessalonians 5:16-18** *Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*

The Apostle Paul calls believers to "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances". This is not merely a suggestion but identified as God's explicit will for those in Christ Jesus. It teaches that joy and gratitude are deliberate choices of the will, not feelings dictated by circumstances.

### **Reflection Questions:**

1. What is one current difficult circumstance in my life where I have been complaining instead of giving thanks, and how can I shift my focus to recognize God's presence there today?
2. Am I treating prayer as a last resort or a constant, ongoing conversation with God?

### **Prayer:**

*Heavenly Father, thank You for Your Word which guides my heart. I confess that I often struggle to rejoice when things do not go my way. Lord, teach me to rejoice always, not because of my circumstances, but because of who You are and Your promises. Help me to pray without ceasing, turning every worry into a whispered prayer, and to give thanks in all things - knowing that You are sovereign, good, and working all things for my good. In Jesus' name, Amen*



## WEEK 2: DAY 7

**Nehemiah 2:4-5** *The king said to me, "What is it you want?" Then I prayed to the God of heaven, 5 and I answered the king, "If it pleases the king and if your servant has found favor in his sight, let him send me to the city in Judah where my ancestors are buried so that I can rebuild it."*

Nehemiah 2:4 demonstrates the power of instantaneous, silent prayer in moments of high-stakes pressure. Facing King Artaxerxes, Nehemiah paused to ask God for guidance before responding. This highlights a constant "God-consciousness" and dependence on divine wisdom rather than human strength, proving that urgent, heartfelt prayers are heard instantly.

**Reflection Question:**

When faced with a sudden crisis, difficult conversation, or high-pressure decision, is my first instinct to panic/react, or to offer a silent, "arrow" prayer to God for wisdom and favor?

**Prayer:**

*Heavenly Father, thank You for being the God of heaven who is always near. Like Nehemiah, I face situations where I need Your wisdom and favor. Teach me to live with a constant awareness of Your presence, so that in the split second before I speak or act, I may pause to seek Your guidance. Align my heart with Your will, and give me the courage to act for Your glory. In Jesus' name. Amen.*



## THIRD WEEK: TREASURE

All that we have, all that we are, and all that we will ever be comes from God. Our job is to be good stewards over the things that God has given to us. For some of us, the most difficult part of our lives to turn over to the Lord is our finances. However, to be the stewards that God truly wants us to be, we must come to the understanding that even our wealth comes from God.

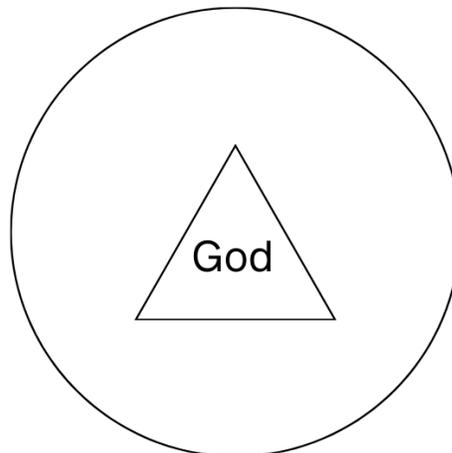
Our Stewardship of Life campaign is not based on equal giving but, rather, on equal sacrifice. Prayerfully consider God's blessings in your life and what sacrifice He is asking you to make.

**Read: I Chronicles 29:11-14**

Spend 5 minutes to complete the exercise below at the beginning of the week.

In the inner triangle, write the amount of your treasure that you want to give back to God.

In the circle outside of the triangle, list areas where you spend your treasure.





# WEEK 3: DAY 1

## **Principles of Christian Stewardship:**

1. God is the sole and sovereign owner of all things, including all creation, the body and spirit of the Christian, and all of the Christian's resources.
  2. God expects His sovereign ownership to be cheerfully acknowledged as Christians present their entire life as a gift to Him.
  3. God holds every Christian accountable for all that has been entrusted to him/her.
  4. Christians are steward of life and all things, including time, talent/abilities, and resources/possessions.
  5. Christian stewardship requires personal commitment.
- Listed in the Introduction of this devotional are "Principles of Christian Stewardship."

## **Reflect upon the Principles of Christian Stewardship significance to your life.**

### **Prayer:**

*Heavenly Father, Creator and Sovereign Owner of all things, I bow before You acknowledging that everything I am, and everything I have - my body, my spirit, my time, and my resources - belongs entirely to You. Lord, I thank You for the trust You have placed in me. Forgive me for the times I have acted as an owner rather than a manager. Help me to cheerfully surrender my life, offering my talents and treasures back to You as a rightful, living gift.*

*Gracious God, grant me the wisdom to be a faithful steward. I recognize that I am accountable to You for how I use what has been entrusted to me. Lord, I make a personal commitment to serve You.*

*Empower me by Your Spirit to use my time, energy, and possessions to advance Your kingdom, not my own. All this I offer in the name of Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.*



## WEEK 3: DAY 2

**Luke 18:27** *Jesus replied, “What is impossible with man is possible with God.”*

While salvation and human crises are insurmountable on our own, divine intervention makes all things possible. It calls for releasing control, trusting in God's power over earthly limitations, and believing in His ability to create pathways where none exist.

### **Reflection Questions:**

1. What is the “impossible” situation in my life right now – a broken relationship, a financial burden, or a habit – that I have been trying to fix with only human strength?
2. Do I truly believe that God can intervene, or have I limited my prayers to only what I think is plausible or possible to accomplish on my own?
3. Am I allowing “worldly gain” or fear to stand in the way of following where God is leading, as the rich ruler did in the verses preceding this promise?

### **Prayer:**

*Lord, thank You for being the God of the impossible. I confess that I often try to carry my burdens alone and feel overwhelmed by situations that seem hopeless. Today, I surrender these “impossible” areas to You. I believe that Your power is not bound by human standards or limitations. Strengthen my faith to trust in Your power rather than my own, and help me to walk in obedience, knowing that You are able to make a way where I see no way. In Jesus' name, Amen.*



## WEEK 3: DAY 3

**Psalm 66:18** *If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.*

The psalmist highlights that harboring known sin or maintaining a defiant attitude disrupts fellowship with God, acting as a barrier to answered prayer. It emphasizes that sincere repentance is necessary to remove this barrier.

**Reflection Question:**

Is there a hidden sin, unforgiveness, or attitude in my heart that I am cherishing or refusing to let go, which is creating a wall between me and God?

**Prayer:**

*Heavenly Father, I come before You acknowledging that You desire truth in my innermost being. Search my heart, O God, and reveal any iniquity I am holding onto - pride, bitterness, or secret sin - that hinders my fellowship with You. I confess these, turning away from them, and ask for Your cleansing. Create in me a clean heart, and restore the joy of Your salvation. I ask for the grace to live in obedience so that my prayers may flow freely to You, in Jesus' name, Amen.*



## WEEK 3: DAY 4

### **Read Psalm 34**

Psalm 34 is a profound song of deliverance, written by David when escaping danger, focusing on praising God in all circumstances, seeking Him in fear, and tasting His goodness. It highlights God's closeness to the brokenhearted, inviting trust in His protection and provision.

### **Reflection Question:**

"I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears" (Psalm 34:4).

Am I actively seeking God as my refuge in my current, specific anxiety, or am I trying to fix it in my own strength? What "fear" do I need to hand over to Him today to experience His peace?

### **Prayer:**

*Heavenly Father, I bless Your name at all times, for You are good and Your praise shall be in my mouth. Thank You that when I am brokenhearted, You are near, and when I call, You hear and deliver me from all my fears. I choose to take refuge in You, tasting Your goodness and trusting that I will not lack any good thing. Help me to turn from evil, pursue peace, and fix my eyes on You rather than my problems. In Jesus' name, Amen.*



## WEEK 3: DAY 5

**2 Thessalonians 2:13-17** *But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters loved by the Lord, because God chose you as firstfruits to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. 14 He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. 15 So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter. 16 May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, 17 encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.*

Paul encourages believers to stand firm in the truth and trust in God's sanctifying work despite end-times fears. Paul emphasizes gratitude for their calling, urging them to hold fast to apostolic teaching.

### **Reflection Questions:**

1. How firmly am I holding to the truth of God's Word in a world of shifting beliefs and values?
2. Do I regularly thank God for choosing and calling me to salvation through the gospel?
3. In what ways do I need God's encouragement and strength right now to remain faithful in word and deed?

### **Prayer:**

*Heavenly Father, thank You for loving me and choosing me for salvation through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and belief in the truth. In a time of uncertainty, help me to stand firm and hold fast to Your Word. I ask that You, who has given me eternal comfort and good hope by grace, would comfort my heart and strengthen me in every good work and word. In Jesus' name. Amen.*



## WEEK 3: DAY 6

### **Read Psalm 135**

The psalmist calls for the praise of the LORD as the sovereign Creator, who is greater than all idols, and who shows compassion to His people, choosing them as His treasure. It contrasts the lifeless, man-made idols of the nations with the living God, encouraging worshippers to avoid placing trust in temporary, worldly things.

### **Reflection Questions:**

1. As I navigate my life, do I truly trust that the LORD is sovereign and "does whatever He pleases" in my personal circumstances, or do I act as if my circumstances are random?
2. What modern-day idols (e.g., money, reputation, comfort) am I tempted to trust, and how are these things transforming me into someone dull to the living God?
3. Do I praise God only when circumstances are good, or do I praise Him because "the LORD is good" and it is delightful, regardless of my current situation?

### **Prayer:**

*Sovereign LORD, I praise Your name because You are good and Your name is lovely. Thank You for choosing me as Your own. Lord, I confess that I often allow the "idols" of this world - my own fears, anxieties, and desires for control - to become my focus, becoming empty like them. Remind me that You are greater than all gods and that You hold all power. When I am in the midst of trials, help me to rely on Your compassion and justice, trusting that Your word and Your love endure through all generations. May my life be a continual sacrifice of praise, reflecting Your glory rather than the fleeting things of this world. In Your holy name, I pray. Amen.*



## WEEK 3: DAY 7

**Philippians 1:6** *Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.*

Paul promises that God, who began a good work in you, will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. This assures believers that God is actively shaping them - working through sanctification and trials - and will not abandon His purpose, offering hope and stability in times of uncertainty.

**Reflection Question:**

Where do I need to trust God to finish the work He has already started in me, rather than trying to complete it in my own strength or rushing His perfect timing?

**Prayer:**

*Heavenly Father, thank You for the promise that You are at work in my life and that You will complete the good work You have begun in me. I confess that sometimes I get discouraged or impatient with the process. Help me to trust in Your faithfulness and to remain patient, knowing that You are shaping me into the image of Your Son, Jesus. Give me the strength to persevere and to rest in Your perfect plan. In Jesus' name, Amen.*



# FOURTH WEEK: ENERGY

At times do you feel exhausted? How can I do all the things I need to do and not grow weary? How can I meet all the commitments I made and not become faint-hearted? Do you wonder where you can receive more energy? Do you pray, "Lord, how can I run and not be weary?"

Remember Moses (Exodus 17:8-12) tried to hold up his hands in prayer, but they became so tired that he could not keep them up, no matter how hard he tried. When Aaron and Hur saw that Moses could not keep his hands up all the time, they found a big stone for him to sit on. Aaron went on one side to him to hold up his right hand, and Hur stood on the other side to hold up his left hand.

Remember the author of Hebrews urged every Christian to always look toward "Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith" for strength.

**Read: Isaiah 40:28-31 and Hebrews 12:1-3**

Take a few minutes to list below the resources God has given you to continually dedicate your time, talent, and treasure for His glory without growing weary.

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# WEEK 4: DAY 1

**2 Corinthians 12:9** *But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.*

The Apostle invites us to stop hiding our limitations and instead surrender them to God, allowing His strength to fill our gaps. It highlights that God's power is best showcased not in our perfection, but in our desperate reliance on Him during moments of struggle, pain, or insufficiency.

## **Reflection Questions:**

1. What specific area of weakness, fear, or 'thorn' am I currently trying to hide or fix on my own, rather than surrendering it as a platform for God's power to be displayed?
2. Am I valuing my own image of strength over the opportunity to experience the sufficiency of God's grace?

## **Prayer:**

*Dear Heavenly Father, I come before You acknowledging my deep weakness and inability to handle this situation on my own. Thank You that Your strength is not diminished by my inadequacy, but is actually perfected in it. Instead of hiding my struggles, I bring them to You. I ask that Your grace, which is enough for today, would sustain me. Let my limitations be the canvas upon which You showcase Your power. In Jesus' name, Amen.*



## WEEK 4: DAY 2

**Philippians 4:6-7** *Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

The Apostle Paul urges believers to replace anxiety with prayer, petition, and thanksgiving, promising that God's transcendent peace will guard their hearts and minds in Christ. It transforms worry into a trusting, proactive conversation with God rather than a silent burden.

**Reflection Question:**

What am I trying to control that God is asking me to surrender? Instead of worrying, am I taking my specific anxieties to God with a heart of gratitude for His past faithfulness?

**Prayer:**

*Dear Heavenly Father,  
I come to You today, bringing the heavy weight of [name your specific worry] and laying it at Your feet. I confess that I have been anxious and trying to manage this situation on my own strength.*

*According to Your Word in Philippians 4:6-7, I choose to turn my worry into prayer. Thank You that You are in control and that Your presence is near. I present my requests to You, trusting in Your perfect timing and wisdom.*

*I receive Your peace - the peace that surpasses all understanding. May this peace guard my heart and my mind in Christ Jesus, replacing my fear with Your calm. I trust You with the outcome. In Jesus' name, Amen.*



## WEEK 4: DAY 3

### **Read Psalm 28**

This psalm moves from a desperate plea for help, fearing God's silence, to a confident shout of praise, recognizing God as a personal strength and shield. It highlights that God hears sincere cries for mercy and acts as a refuge, inviting us to trust Him even when facing injustice or waiting for answers.

### **Reflection Question:**

When I feel God is silent or when I am surrounded by negativity, do I allow my fear to turn into despair, or do I, like David in verse 7, choose to trust that the Lord is my strength and shield before I see the answer?

### **Prayer:**

*Lord, You are my Rock. Do not be deaf to me, for I cannot survive without Your help. Hear the cry of my pleas for mercy when I lift my hands toward Your holy place. When I am surrounded by the deceitful, protect my heart from their evil ways. Thank You for being my strength and my shield, bringing me joy even in hard times. Save me, bless me, and be my Shepherd, carrying me forever. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.*



## WEEK 4: DAY 4

**Luke 17:5** *The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"*

The apostles ask Jesus, "Increase our faith!" in response to difficult teachings on forgiveness. This plea highlights a human need for stronger trust in God to fulfill His commands. Jesus replies that even tiny, mustard-seed faith is enough for great things, emphasizing authentic, active service over the sheer quantity of faith.

**Reflection Questions:**

1. Am I waiting for "more" faith before I act, or am I willing to use the small amount of faith I have right now to serve others?
2. Where in my life is God inviting me to plant a "mustard seed" of faith through a humble, quiet act of service?

**Prayer:**

*Lord, increase my faith. Teach me to serve You with humility and to trust in Your power, even when my faith feels small. Help me to act on the faith I have, knowing that You are the one who brings forth the growth. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.*



## WEEK 4: DAY 5

**Romans 12:12** *Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.*

The Apostle Paul challenges believers to reject the world's mold and experience transformation through a renewed mind, allowing them to discern God's perfect will. It highlights that true, lasting change - away from fear and toward peace - begins internally by replacing worldly patterns with divine truth.

**Reflection Question:**

What is one specific, worldly pattern of thinking (e.g., anxiety, obsession with status, consumerism, or negative self-talk) that I am currently allowing to mold my daily decisions, and how can I replace it with God's truth this week?

**Prayer:**

*Heavenly Father, I come before You acknowledging that I have often allowed the pressures of this world to shape my thoughts and attitudes. Lord, I ask that You transform me by renewing my mind.*

*Help me to let go of old, destructive habits and to stop conforming to the fleeting, broken patterns around me. I pray for a mind that is increasingly aligned with Your Word. Open my eyes to see my life from Your perspective, so that I may confidently test and approve Your good, pleasing, and perfect will. Guide my thoughts and decisions today, that I may reflect Your light. In Jesus' name, Amen.*



## WEEK 4: DAY 6

**1 Corinthians 6:19-20** *Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; 20 you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.*

These verses reveal that because believers' bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit bought at the high price of Christ's blood, they are not their own, but belong to God. This truth calls for honoring God through physical and spiritual purity, encouraging a shift from self-ownership to stewards of a sacred dwelling.

### **Reflection Questions:**

1. If Jesus were physically present with me throughout my daily routine – at work, on social media, or in my private moments – would my actions and choices this past week have changed?
2. Am I treating my body as a sacred dwelling for the Holy Spirit or merely a tool for my own agenda?

### **Prayer:**

*Lord, thank You that my body is a temple where You, by Your Holy Spirit, choose to dwell. I confess that I often forget I am not my own and try to live according to my own desires. Because I was bought with a price, I ask for the strength and wisdom to honor You with my body and spirit. Help me to treat this temple with the reverence it deserves and to use it for Your glory, ensuring my life is fit for service in Your kingdom. In Your name I pray. Amen.*



## WEEK 4: DAY 7

**1 Timothy 4:12** *Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.*

Paul encourages believers, regardless of age, to overcome being overlooked by setting a high standard of godly character. Paul charges Timothy to be an example in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity. It calls for active, mature leadership through a life that reflects Christ, rather than waiting for permission or validation.

### **Reflection Questions:**

1. Am I letting my age, experience level, or insecurity hinder my witness to others?
2. If others followed my example in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity, would they be closer to Jesus?
3. Which of the five areas (speech, conduct, love, faith, purity) do I need to focus on maturing in this week?

### **Prayer:**

*Heavenly Father, thank You that my purpose is not defined by my age or others' perceptions, but by Your call on my life. Lord, help me to be a living example of Your love and truth. Strengthen my words to be encouraging, my actions to be honorable, my love to be selfless, my faith to be unwavering, and my heart to be pure. Conform me to the image of Jesus, and give me the boldness to lead through serving others, regardless of my age. In Jesus' name, Amen.*



## FIFTH WEEK: THE BEATITUDES

The Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-10) are a series of blessings spoken by Jesus at the start of the Sermon on the Mount, serving as a foundational, counter-cultural manifesto for Christian character and Kingdom living. They describe the inner virtues - such as humility, mercy, and purity - rather than just outward actions. The Beatitudes invert worldly standards by blessing the poor in spirit, those who mourn, the meek, and the persecuted. They outline the character of those who belong to God's kingdom and are becoming like Christ.

As we look to honor God with our TIME, TALENTS, TREASURE, and ENERGY, consider how each one of the Beatitudes can play a part in helping us to bring more focus and strength on those four areas of our lives to honor God.

- (3) Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*
- (4) Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.*
- (5) Blessed are the meek,  
for they will inherit the earth.*
- (6) Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,*
- (7) Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will be shown mercy.*
- (8) Blessed are the pure in heart,  
for they will see God.*
- (9) Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God.*
- (10) Blessed are those who are persecuted because of  
righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*



# WEEK 5: DAY 1

*Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven,* (Matthew 5:3) highlights that true spiritual blessing begins with humility. It means recognizing our total spiritual bankruptcy and absolute dependence on God's grace, rather than self-reliance. This humility opens the door to receiving God's kingdom.

## **Reflection Questions:**

1. Do I daily approach God acknowledging my need for His grace, or do I come with a sense of pride or self-sufficiency?
2. In what areas of my life am I relying on my own strength instead of relying on God?
3. Do I struggle to ask for help - either from God or from others - because I want to appear self-sufficient?
4. How does recognizing my spiritual "bankruptcy" change the way I view my need for prayer and daily communion with God?

## **Prayer:**

*Lord Jesus, I come before you today recognizing that I am truly poor in spirit. Apart from You, I have no righteousness of my own and cannot sustain myself. I confess that I often try to rely on my own strength, pride, and efforts. Thank You for promising that the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who know they need You. Please cultivate a humble heart within me, that I may depend on Your grace daily. May I live as a citizen of Your kingdom, not relying on myself, but on Your mercy. In Your name I pray. Amen*



## WEEK 5: DAY 2

*Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted* (Matthew 5:4) suggests that happiness is found through godly sorrow rather than the avoidance of pain. While this verse brings comfort to those experiencing personal loss, the "mourning" Jesus speaks of is broader. It is "godly sorrow" - a deep grief over personal sin, the brokenness of the world, and the injustice that surrounds us.

### **Reflection Questions:**

1. When was the last time I was deeply grieved by your own sin rather than just experiencing regret for being caught or facing consequences?
2. Where in my life (e.g., financial stress, broken relationships, loss) do I need to stop trying to be strong and instead "lay down my tears" before the Lord?
3. How have I experienced God's comfort in the middle of a trial?

### **Prayer:**

*Heavenly Father,  
Thank You for the promise that I do not have to carry my sorrow alone. Thank You that You meet me in every kind of mourning - whether I am grieving the losses of this broken world or, more deeply, when I am broken over my own sins and shortcomings. Lord, forgive me for the times I have been apathetic toward sin, treating lightly what cost Your Son His life. Grant me a heart that is sensitive to Your holiness. When I am overwhelmed by the weight of this life, teach me to bring my tears to You, rather than running away. I claim Your promise of comfort today. I trust that in my weakness, Your grace is sufficient, and in my sorrow, Your presence is my true peace. Thank You for being the God of all comfort, who heals the brokenhearted. In Jesus' name, Amen.*



## WEEK 5: DAY 3

Matthew 5:5, *Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth*, redefines strength as "controlled power" or "gentle strength" rather than weakness. It implies surrendering one's rights, anger, and self-assertion to God's will, trusting Him over self-promotion. The promise is an inheritance of both a present peace and a future, restored earth.

### **Reflection Questions:**

1. How does the biblical definition of meekness as "controlled strength" differ from the modern, worldly perception of it as a sign of weakness?
2. In what areas of my life (e.g., relationships, work, driving) do you struggle most with harshness or trying to assert your own rights?
3. How can the promise of "inheriting the earth" provide comfort when I am experiencing injustice or unfair treatment?
4. What practical steps can I take this week to practice gentleness instead of reactivity in a difficult situation?

### **Prayer:**

*Lord Jesus, I come before You acknowledging that I often try to fight my own battles and assert my own will. I confess that I struggle with anger and the need to always "get mine." Thank You for the promise that true strength is found in meekness. I ask for the grace to surrender my rights and my desire for control to You. Teach me to be gentle, to be slow to anger, and to trust that You are my defender. Fill me with Your Holy Spirit so I may live out this "controlled strength" in my daily life, and help me to look forward to the inheritance You have promised to those who follow You. In Your name, Amen.*



## WEEK 5: DAY 4

Matthew 5:6-7 *Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.* Verse 6 challenges what we prioritize. It implies a deep, desperate need for God's righteousness - a longing that shapes our lives - rather than merely wanting to be "good". True satisfaction is found in seeking God's will, not just personal desires. Verse 7 links our treatment of others to our relationship with God. Mercy is not just tolerance; it is actively showing compassion and forgiving others, reflecting the undeserved grace we have received. It is a call to break cycles of judgment and, instead, show mercy to others.

### **Reflection Questions:**

1. What am I currently "hungering and thirsting" for in life? How does that compare to a desire for God's righteousness?
2. When have I felt most fulfilled by God's righteousness rather than worldly pursuits?
3. When have I received undeserved mercy? How did that change my perspective on showing mercy to others?
4. How can I actively extend mercy to someone who has wronged you this week?

### **Prayer:**

*Lord, I confess that I often hunger for things that do not satisfy, rather than for Your righteousness. Please stir in me a deeper, more desperate longing for Your ways. Transform my heart to be merciful, just as You are merciful. Help me to extend grace to those who have wronged me and to show compassion to the broken, so I may truly reflect Your kingdom. In Jesus' name, Amen.*



## WEEK 5: DAY 5

Matthew 5:8, *“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God,”* highlights that inner integrity and single-minded devotion to God - rather than just outward obedience - are required to perceive God's presence and work. A pure heart is free from hidden selfish motives, dishonesty, and divided loyalty. Maintaining a pure heart is difficult due to the "flesh," but is made possible by surrendering to God and allowing Him to shape our desires. The reward is not just in the future, but in the present - "seeing God" refers to experiencing His presence, guidance, and character in daily life.

### **Reflection Questions:**

1. What does a "pure heart" look like in my daily relationships and decisions?
2. What are the "hidden contaminants" (unforgiveness, pride, wrong motives) I am hiding?
3. In what ways have I "seen" God at work in my life recently?
4. What is on the "front burner" of my life that might be dividing my loyalty to God?
5. How can I better pursue a, "single-minded devotion" to God this week?

### **Prayer:**

*Lord God, I want to have a pure heart. Reveal to me the areas of my heart that are not in line with Your Word, and cleanse me of selfish motives or hidden sins. Help me to surrender my whole heart to You, so that my eyes may be opened to see You more clearly in my life today. In Jesus' name, Amen.*



## WEEK 5: DAY 6

*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God, (Matthew 5:9)* calls believers to actively reconcile conflict rather than just avoiding it. It defines a true, Christ-like pursuit of harmony that reflects God's character, promising that peacemakers will be recognized as God's children. Peacemaking is not passive "peace-faking" (ignoring problems) but active reconciliation. It requires stepping into conflict to bring, not just keep, peace. Identity as God's Children: This blessing identifies us as God's representatives. As Christ pursued peace through the cross, we must be agents of reconciliation, even when it is costly.

### **Reflection Questions:**

1. Am I a peacemaker or a "peace-breaker" (causing division) or "peace-faker" (avoiding conflict) in my relationships?
2. Is there a relationship in my life that requires me to take the first step toward reconciliation? What step can I take?
3. How can I prioritize someone else's emotional welfare over my own need to be right?
4. What is a practical step I can take to bring "shalom" (wholeness and peace) into a tense situation?

### **Prayer:**

*Lord, thank You for being the ultimate Peacemaker who reconciled us to Yourself through Jesus. Transform my heart, mind, and life, and make me an instrument of Your peace. Give me the courage to apologize when I am wrong and the grace to forgive when I am wronged. Help me to stand for what is right in a way that fosters harmony, not just conflict. Let my life reflect Your heart, so I may truly be known as Your child. In Jesus' name. Amen.*



## WEEK 5: DAY 7

*“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven,”* (Matthew 5:10) calls believers to embrace suffering for doing what is right, rather than conforming to avoid opposition. Jesus reverses earthly logic; blessing is not found in safety or popularity, but in unwavering faithfulness. Persecution as Evidence: If we live completely aligned with the world, we likely avoid persecution. However, when we pursue righteous behavior, our life becomes a mirror that the world may hate, confirming our faith.

### **Reflection Questions:**

1. Have I ever avoided doing the right thing, or speaking the truth, simply to avoid being ridiculed or misunderstood?
2. How does the promise of the "kingdom of heaven" change my perspective on the temporary suffering I face for my faith?
3. What is the difference between being persecuted for Christ and facing consequences for my own unwise or unloving behavior?
4. In what ways does my daily life provoke opposition, and do I handle that with the gentle, righteous, and humble spirit of Christ?

### **Prayer:**

*Lord, thank You for the privilege of identifying with You, even when it is difficult. I ask for the strength and courage to stand up for righteousness in my workplace, home, and community, regardless of the cost. When I am slandered or mistreated for following Your ways, help me not to retaliate, but to entrust myself to You. Let the reality of Your kingdom comfort my heart, knowing that my reward is secure in heaven. Keep me faithful to the end. In Jesus' name, Amen.*



# SIXTH WEEK: FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

This 7-day devotional is designed to help you cultivate the "Fruit of the Spirit" described in Galatians 5:22-23. Rather than seeing these as a "to-do list," think of them as the natural result of staying connected to our Savior Jesus Christ.



## WEEK 6: DAY 1 – LOVE

*'But the fruit of the Spirit is love...' (Galatians 5:22)* Old Testament Example: Johnathan, who had a deep and selfless friendship with David which led him to protect him despite risking his own safety and royal inheritance to do so. (1 Samuel 20) (Also see 1 Corinthians 13 for the true definition of Agape Love)

Love is the soil from which every other fruit grows. This isn't just a feeling; it is agape in greek—a selfless, sacrificial choice to seek the good of others and to do good to them. When we live and dwell in God's love, we find it easier to extend that same love to those around us, even the "difficult" people. Love is not a feeling but an action. Agape is the highest form of love in the Greek language. We should regard this love most importantly to God but, for those around us also.

### **Reflection Questions:**

1. Who is one person you can show "agape" love to today through an action rather than just words?
2. Who is someone "difficult" that you could choose to show "agape" love to?

### **Prayer:**

*Lord, thank You for loving me perfectly. Soften my heart today. Help me to see others through Your eyes and to love them with the same patience and grace You show me. Help me to die to myself so that I may choose to love others before my needs are met, and to choose love first always. Amen.*



## WEEK 6: DAY 2 - JOY & PEACE

*"...joy, peace..."(Galatians 5:22)*

Old Testament Example: Hannah joy, whom after years of longing for the birth of her son, Samuel, expressed deep gratitude and delight to God. (1 Samuel 1-2)

Abigail peace, intervened to prevent bloodshed after her husband Nabal insulted David. (1 Samuel 25)

Joy is different from happiness; it isn't dependent on your circumstances. Peace is the "quiet of the soul" that persists even in a storm. Together, they form an internal fortress. When the world is chaotic, the Spirit provides a steady rhythm of hope.

### **Reflection Question:**

1. What is stealing your peace today? Surrender that specific worry to God and ask for His joy in return.

### **Prayer:**

*Father, I trade my anxiety for Your peace which surpasses understanding. Fill me with the joy of my salvation, reminding me that no matter what happens today, You are in control. Amen.*



## WEEK 6: DAY 3 – PATIENCE

“...patience...” (Galatians 5:22)

Old Testament Example: Abraham and Sarah, who waited 25 years for the fulfillment of God’s promise in their life, after they gave birth to their son Isaac. (Genesis 12:4 promise and Genesis 21 birth)

Patience (or long-suffering) is the ability to endure difficult circumstances, people, and situations brought on by us and others, without losing your temper or hope. It is a quiet strength. In our "instantaneous" culture, patience is a powerful testimony of a life led by the Spirit and fully reliant on God.

### **Reflection Questions:**

1. In what area of your life are you feeling rushed or frustrated?
2. How can you practice "waiting well" today?

### **Prayer:**

*Holy Spirit, grant me the strength to wait. When I feel the urge to rush or snap in frustration, remind me of Your incredible patience with me. Teach me to trust Your timing. Amen.*



## WEEK 6: DAY 4 – KINDNESS & GOODNESS

*“...kindness, goodness...”* (Galatians 5:22)

Old Testament Examples: Rahab kindness, who showed risky hospitality to the Israelite spies, or scouts, ensuring their safety. (Joshua 2)

King Josiah goodness, who reformed his kingdom and restored righteous worship after finding the long-lost Book of the Law. (2 Kings 22-23)

Kindness is the outward expression of a gentle heart, while goodness is the moral backbone that drives us to do what is right. These are the "active" fruits—they require us to step out and serve, speak life, and act with integrity even when no one is watching.

### **Reflection:**

1. Look for one "unseen" act of goodness you can perform today.

### **Prayer:**

*Lord, make me an instrument of, Your kindness. Let my words be abundantly seasoned with grace and mercy, and my actions reflect Your goodness. May my life point others back to Your character. Amen.*



## WEEK 6: DAY 5 - FAITHFULNESS

"...faithfulness..." (Galatians 5:22)

Old Testament Example: Daniel, who remained faithful in his prayer life and stayed loyal to God's laws even when facing the threat of death and being sent in the lions' den. (Daniel 6)

Faithfulness is about being reliable, trustworthy, and steady. It is the commitment to stay true to God, his commandments, our commitments, vows, and oaths, day after day. It is being obedient to first and foremost to God, but to our friends, family, and spouses. He is faithful to us, and we are called to mirror that same faithfulness we receive to both God and others. Faithfulness is more of an action we choose to do day in and day out rather than something we say or promise we will do.

### **Reflection Questions:**

1. Is there a commitment you've made that you've let slide?
2. How can you show up faithfully today?
3. Who needs your commitment

### **Prayer:**

*Great is Your faithfulness, O God. Help me to be a person of my word. Strengthen my resolve to follow You and serve my family and community with a steady, loyal heart. Amen.*



## WEEK 6: DAY 6 – GENTLENESS

“...gentleness...” (Galatians 5:23)

Old Testament Example: Boaz as he showed Ruth, care, respect, and quiet generosity when she was gleaning (taking or gathering) grain from his fields. (Ruth 2)

Gentleness is often mistaken for weakness, but it is actually "power under control." It is the ability to handle people and situations with care rather than force. It is responding to a harsh word with a soft one and treating the broken-hearted with tenderness. It shows care and mercy first. To allow trust to build. In showing this it allows the Holy Spirit to be the guide. From there it creates a safe space for teaching and correction if needed.

### **Reflection Question:**

1. Think of a tense situation you are currently facing. How would a "gentle" response change the outcome?

### **Prayer:**

*Jesus, you are gentle and lowly in heart. Strip away my pride and my need to be right. Teach me to respond to conflict with a gentle spirit that heals rather than hurts and shows mercy and humbleness. Amen.*



## WEEK 6: DAY 7 - SELF CONTROL

*"...self-control; against such things there is no law." (Galatians 5:23)*

Old Testament Example: Joseph, who successfully resisted the numerous and intense temptations of Potiphar's wife, choosing to honor God over physical desire. (Genesis 39)

Self-control is the "rudder" of the ship. It allows us to say "no" to our impulses and "yes" to God's best. It protects us from being destroyed by ourselves through pride, anger, greed, or lust. It is the Spirit giving us mastery over our own desires.

**Reflection Question:**

Which of your habits or impulses most needs the discipline of the Holy Spirit today?

**Prayer:**

*Holy Spirit, I cannot control myself by my own willpower alone. I need Your strength to discipline my thoughts, my tongue, and my actions. Give me strength to rely on you always and strength to turn from my fleshly desires or impulses. Help me to live a life of balance, discipline, and integrity for Your glory. Amen.*



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