

Daily Devotional Time with God

October 19- October 25



The Holy Spirit is the One who is making us more and more like Christ. He uses Scripture and everyday life to form Christlikeness in us. Our job is to cooperate with God's grace at work in our life. One of the ways we can cooperate is by starting each day with the Word of God: **reading, studying, memorizing & praying God's Word.** The Holy Spirit will use the Word of God to release and form the life of Christ in us. This is how we "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord."-2 Peter 3:18

Slowly and thoughtfully read the passage from God's Word each day. Think about it. Focus especially on the verse marked **Meditating on God's Word.** Then, say and repeat the memory verse several times. By the end of the week, you will have it memorized. Finally, in addition to whatever else you are talking to God about in your prayers each day also pray through the Scripture you read, turning it into a prayer.

Monday, October 19th

Reading God's Word: Philippians 3:9-4:9, Psalm 119:121-128

Memorizing God's Word: Philippians 4:13 I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

Meditating on God's Word: Philippians 4:5 Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.

Praying God's Word: "Lord, am I gentle? In my own unique expression and relationship with you, would you say I am gentle? Would you say my gentleness is evident to all? Why gentleness Lord? Why not strength or power? Lord help me understand and live from your nearness that would result in my gentleness. I am not in a rush, I am not angry, or rough with people, let me be gentle. Let my strength come from my weakness and from your grace. Teach me to be gentle. Amen."

Connecting to God through the Word and Prayer

Tuesday, October 20th

Reading God's Word: Philippians 4:10 - Colossians 1:11, Psalm 119:129-136

Memorizing God's Word: Philippians 4:13 I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

Meditating on God's Word: Philippians 4:13 I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

Praying God's Word: "Lord, whether I have a little or a lot, I always want to be content in you. I confess that it is not always true. I yearn for things and see things my neighbors have and I want them. It's funny that Paul says he can get along with a lot of things AND he can get along with a few things. He's learned the secret. It's not about things. Help me not make it about things. Let me see things for what they are...things. Help me do all this through Jesus who loves me and gives me strength. Amen."

Connecting to God through the Word and Prayer

Wednesday, October 21st

Reading God's Word: Colossians 1:12-2:12, Psalm 119:137-144

Memorizing God's Word: Philippians 4:13 I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

Meditating on God's Word: Colossians 1:29 To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me.

Praying God's Word: "Lord, give me supernatural strength and energy to help present everyone fully mature in Christ. Forgive me for relying on yesterday's spiritual experiences, some conference I went to years ago, some study I did in the past, some sermon I heard, some book I read, or even devotions I did yesterday. God...I need to strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me. I need to contend for something. I need to get in the game and be in the game. I can't rely on a friend, a spouse, a pastor, a holy leader... I can't rely on others. I need to get in the game and disciple. I need to care for those around me. Help me God! Amen."

Connecting to God through the Word and Prayer

Thursday, October 22nd

Reading God's Word: Colossians 2:13-3:17, Psalm 119:145-152

Memorizing God's Word: Philippians 4:13 I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

Meditating on God's Word: Colossians 3:12 Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

Praying God's Word: "Lord, here it is again...gentleness, combined with compassion, kindness, humility and patience. Help me to grow in Christ and die to my old self and my old ways and be able to put on the newness of life with you. My old ways are so sneaky and I'm weak. So help me in my weakness! Help me know that I am loved and holy. Help me know that I am chosen by you. May the truth of who I am come from who you have told me I am. Help me to love well. All these words have to deal with how I treat people, so I ask again...help me to love well. Amen."

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Friday, October 23rd

Reading God's Word: Colossians 3:18-4:18, Psalm 119:153-160

Memorizing God's Word: Philippians 4:13 I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

Meditating on God's Word: Colossians 4:12 Epaphras, who is one of you and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends greetings. He is always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured.

Praying God's Word: "Lord, would you put people like Epaphras in my life to help me stand firm in the will of God. Teach me to open up and be transparent with others that I may grow in discipleship. It is not always easy and I praise you for the strength that comes from Jesus alone. Make me to be an Epaphras to others. Wake me early to wrestle in prayer for others. Enlarge my heart to love well and point so many others to you. Teach me to encourage and build up the body. Amen."

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Saturday, October 24th

Reading God's Word: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-2:16, Psalm 119:161-168

Memorizing God's Word: Philippians 4:13 I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

Meditating on God's Word: Psalm 119:163 I hate and detest falsehood but I love your law.

Praying God's Word: "Lord, open my eyes to see the falsehood that is all around me. Why do I get pulled back into the sins that so easily entangle me? Change my heart and make me hate falsehood, lies, things that are mere shadows of your reality. Help me fall in love with your law, your word, and all things about you. I pray that all other things would fade away and you would become strong in my desires. Amen."

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Sunday, October 25th

Please use this day to reflect and meditate on the Scriptures used in the sermon, and to review your memory verse for the week. You may also want to use this day to revisit, catch up, and/or reflect more deeply on your reading from God's Word this week. And remember, He is Risen!

Memorizing God's Word: Philippians 4:13 I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

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