

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.



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MEMORIZING GOD'S WORD

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

- *Genesis 1:1*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

READING GOD'S WORD

Genesis 1:1-2:3; Psalm 1:1-6

MEDITATING ON GOD'S WORD

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

- *Genesis 1:1*

PRAYING GOD'S WORD

Lord, when I consider all that has happened in my life, and all that I want to accomplish this year, it's easy for me to lose sight of the fact that before any of this existed, You were there. Even then, You knew me—before I existed, You knew all that would happen in my life, and all my hopes and dreams for this year. So, Father, shape them. Guide them. You created me, and You created me for Yourself! So draw me closer and closer each day as I walk with You. Amen.

MONDAY, JANUARY 2

READING GOD'S WORD

Genesis 2:4-4:26; Psalm 2:1-12

MEDITATING ON GOD'S WORD

And I will put enmity between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.

- *Genesis 3:15*

PRAYING GOD'S WORD

Lord, it's hard for me to imagine all that You saw unfolding at the Fall of humankind. Surely in those moments, You knew all the terrible things that would unfold as a result of us choosing our own way. Forgive me, Father, for the ways in which I have tried to take control, define truth, and be my own lord already this year. And yet, thank You, Father, that You did not leave us in our sin! From the very beginning, You began to promise salvation and redemption. Jesus, You have dealt the crushing blow to Satan on the cross! Praise be to Your name. Amen.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

READING GOD'S WORD

Genesis 5:1-6:8; Psalm 3:1-8

MEDITATING ON GOD'S WORD

Enoch walked faithfully with God; then he was no more, because God took him away.

- *Genesis 5:24*

PRAYING GOD'S WORD

Lord, if You were going to sum up my life in 56 words, what would be said about me? What sort of legacy is my life building? Is the overwhelming theme of my life a faithful walk with You? Whatever my life situation, help me to always take my next step with You, one foot at a time. And I know Lord, that as You brought Enoch home to be with You, You'll take me home as well at the end of my life. Sustain me every day until then by Your grace. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

READING GOD'S WORD

Genesis 6:9-9:29; Psalm 4:1-8

MEDITATING ON GOD'S WORD

Many, LORD, are asking, "Who will bring us prosperity?" Let the light of Your face shine on us.

- *Psalm 4:6*

PRAYING GOD'S WORD

Heavenly Father, I want to be prosperous in this new year. I do! I want to flourish. I want to find favor at my workplace and with my friends and family. I want to see my walk with You and my relationships grow in ways that are eternally significant.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5

READING GOD'S WORD

Genesis 10:1-11:9; Psalm 5:1-12

MEDITATING ON GOD'S WORD

In the morning, LORD, You hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before You and wait expectantly.

- *Psalm 5:3*

PRAYING GOD'S WORD

Lord, just as You created this world, so You create each and every day. When the morning comes, You've already been at work. I lift my voice and my prayer to You this morning, because I know that You hear me. Thank You for hearing, and being attentive to the voice of one person in all Your great creation. And because You hear, I can wait eagerly to see what it is You'll do! Amen.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6

READING GOD'S WORD

Genesis 11:10-26; Psalm 6:1-12

MEDITATING ON GOD'S WORD

Turn, LORD, and deliver me; save me because of Your unfailing love.

- *Psalm 6:4*

PRAYING GOD'S WORD

O Lord, there are times when I feel like I can't put words to the grief, or the pain, or the desperation. There are so many things in this world that aren't the way You intended them to be—that seem anything but the 'very good' that You spoke after You had finished creating. But I'm comforted by the fact that You invite the words of pain and sorrow. There's room at the table of our relationship for me to be honest about my pain. So Father, I bring it again to You today. Deliver me, O God, not because of my performance, but because of Your great love! Amen.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

READING GOD'S WORD

Genesis 11:27-12:20; Psalm 7:1-10

MEDITATING ON GOD'S WORD

The LORD had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

- *Psalm 6:4*

PRAYING GOD'S WORD

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