

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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MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

READING GOD'S WORD

1 John 5:14 - 3 John 8; Proverbs 23:19-35

MEMORIZING GOD'S WORD

He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

- 1 John 5:12

MEDITATING ON GOD'S WORD

We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true - even in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.

- 1 John 5:20

PRAYING GOD'S WORD

Lord, I want to know you. Not know about you - but know you! You are truth. You are love. When I know you, I have eternal life, but I also have a soul that is getting along well or prospers (3 John 2). Such an interesting thought... a soul that prospers! Is there anything more important than this: faithfulness to and walking in the truth, expressing love through hospitality, working together and imitating what is good? This is knowing you and when I know you, it will be well with my soul! Amen.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

READING GOD'S WORD

3 John 9 - Jude 25; Proverbs 24:1-16

MEMORIZING GOD'S WORD

He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

- 1 John 5:12

MEDITATING ON GOD'S WORD

Dear friend, do not imitate what is evil but what is good. Anyone who does what is good is from God. Anyone who does what is evil has not seen God.

- 3 John 11

PRAYING GOD'S WORD

Lord, the contrast made between Diotrefes and Demetrius helps me reflect upon what it means to 'contend for the faith' (Jude 3). Diotrefes: loves to be first, gossips, malicious, not welcoming and stops others from doing good. Demetrius: well-spoken of by others and speaks the truth. It can be easy to slip and follow ungodly desires, or people. May mercy, peace and love be ours in abundance today and until the day you return! Amen.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

READING GOD'S WORD

Revelation 1:1-2:7; Proverbs 24:17-34

MEMORIZING GOD'S WORD

He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

- 1 John 5:12

MEDITATING ON GOD'S WORD

I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord God, who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

- Revelation 1:8

PRAYING GOD'S WORD

Lord, you always were, and you will always be - the Alpha and Omega. This life is such a small moment of time, but then there is eternity. Admittedly, my mind has difficulty comprehending eternity, but I know it is true because your Word says it is. So how does eternity impact my life now, or does it? If I knew my eternity began tonight, would I live differently today? If yes, what would I do differently? I could still do it, but will I? I have today, but I may not have tomorrow. Lord, help me to live expectantly for eternity, but faithfully in this moment right now! Amen.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

READING GOD'S WORD

Revelation 2:8-3:6; Proverbs 25:1-14

MEMORIZING GOD'S WORD

He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

- 1 John 5:12

MEDITATING ON GOD'S WORD

He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

- Revelation 3:6

PRAYING GOD'S WORD

Lord, so what exactly do you want me to hear from these verses, which sometimes can be challenging to understand? As I sift out your words to the churches, they become my prayers. Lord, help me to be a faithful overcomer (2:10-11) and true to your name (2:13). Search my heart and mind (2:23), so that I may obey and repent (3:3). Amen.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

READING GOD'S WORD

Revelation 3:7-4:11; Proverbs 25:15-28

MEMORIZING GOD'S WORD

He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

- 1 John 5:12

MEDITATING ON GOD'S WORD

I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name.

- Revelation 3:8

PRAYING GOD'S WORD

Lord, the word 'faithful' surfaces for me as I read these words. Faithful in good times. Faithful in challenging times. Unwavering faithfulness in all times! The door is open, and I am invited to live surrendered to you, my Creator, who is worthy to receive glory and honor and power! Amen.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

READING GOD'S WORD

Revelation 5:1-6:8; Proverbs 26:1-16

MEMORIZING GOD'S WORD

He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

- 1 John 5:12

MEDITATING ON GOD'S WORD

Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!

- Revelation 5:12

PRAYING GOD'S WORD

Lord, such a stark contrast between the 'fool,' 'sluggard,' 'madman,' 'quarrelsome,' 'malicious,' and 'wicked' person in Proverbs and the life we can have in you. If I have you, I have life. Why would I choose anything less? You ask me to come to you, move toward you and delight in your ways - worthy is the Lamb! Amen.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

MEMORIZING GOD'S WORD

He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

- 1 John 5:12