

## WEEK THIRTEEN

Week Thirteen, Day One

### People

It may seem silly to study people when you are learning about God, but in some way we understand the creator more when we understand His perspective on His creation. God created people with both a tangible (touchable) body and an intangible (untouchable) soul and spirit.

Let's discuss the tangible first. Man's body is fragile, and, sooner or later, every person will die a physical death. Following that death, a person's body is buried, but the spirit of a person lives on. After death, those who have accepted Christ as their Savior will go to Heaven, and those who have rejected God will go to hell and endure eternity separated from God. That may sound harsh, but it is just and fair. Mankind is the one who rejected God and His way. In reality, it is God's grace and mercy to any person that defies logic.

**Study Genesis 1:27, Hebrews 9:27-28.**

Include the following in your personal prayer time:

- Thank God for creating you and giving you the opportunity to know and love Him.
- Thank God for His mercy.

Are you still using your ACTS acrostic to be sure that you are praying in the following ways?

- A Adoration
- C Confession of Sin
- T Thanksgiving
- S Supplication (requests) for yourself and others

Do your prayers center mostly on yourself and your own relationship with God? If so, it is important to remember that we play a vital role in the lives of others when we pray for them.

Today we will start a new rotation of people to pray for each week. It is important that you develop the habit of praying consistently for your family, your friends, the people around you that do not know Christ, people around you with needs and your church.

Each Monday remember to pray for your family. Pray for their needs, your role in the family, extended family, etc.

Remember it this way...*I pray for My family on Monday.*

**FOR FURTHER STUDY: John 5:28-29**

## Week Thirteen, Day Two

### More about People

The intangible part of a person is complex. In the Bible, many parts of a person are discussed; soul, spirit, heart, conscience, mind, strength and flesh. As you study the passages below, write down in your journal how God affects all the parts of a person when Jesus comes into their life. Think about how God is changing all of you because of your time each day reading and studying the Bible.

**Study Mark 12:28-31, 1 Peter 2:11, and Romans 12:1-2.**

Include the following in your personal prayer time:

- Ask God to rule in all parts of you.
- Ask God to help you follow Him more in one of the areas of your life (heart, soul, mind or strength).
- Commit to listen to His voice and obey.

Today we will begin adding prayer time for your church each Tuesday. You can pray for the leaders at your church, teachers, staff, etc. Also, remember to pray for the mission of your church. Ask God to help your church to know the right thing to do to reach people. Also ask God to continue to allow you to serve in some role at your church.

Remember it this way...*I pray for the Church I belong TO on TUESday.*

**FOR FURTHER STUDY: Hebrews 4:12-13.**

## Week Thirteen, Day Three

*"I am reminded how much I need Jesus when I have tried to operate under my own power and realize He would have done a better job than I did."  
Bob, High school teacher*

### The Fall of Mankind

When God placed Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, He gave them the option to disobey. Adam and Eve were not prisoners of obedience. God told them not to eat the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil to test their obedience. Satan appeared in the form of a snake and convinced Eve that there was another plan for her other than God's plan. Like so many of us, she believed that her way was better than God's way and so she ate the fruit. Then she convinced Adam to eat the fruit. Adam's disobedience to God introduced sin into the world. It brought death and caused separation between man and God. The issue was not the fruit, it was doing what they knew was wrong.

**Read Genesis 3.**

Include the following in your personal prayer time:

- Praise God for rescuing you from your sin and making a way for you to have a relationship with Him.
- Commit to make the most of the grace that God has shown you.

Witness Wednesday is a weekly time when you can pray for people that do not know Christ and for your role in helping them know God. God designed us to represent Him, so it is natural for us to pray that we would share His truth and His love consistently.

Remember it this way...*On Wednesday, I pray for my Witness.*

**FOR FURTHER STUDY: Romans 5:12.**

## Week Thirteen, Day Four

### Sin (Everyone Has It)

Sin is a condition that you are born with; everyone from childhood has a desire to sin. Sin is anything that doesn't match the character or plan of God. While some of the sin committed by individuals is intentional, it is possible to sin without knowing that you have sinned. You do things wrong without even thinking about it. Even after accepting Jesus as your Savior, you will continue to struggle with sin. Your only defenses against sin are God's Word, prayer, and the Holy Spirit within you.

**Study Psalm 19:12-13 and Psalm 119:11.**

When you choose sin over God, you will feel far away from Him. Fortunately, there is a way to make that relationship right again. For the believer, forgiveness is always just a prayer away.

Include the following in your personal prayer time:

- Thank God for setting you free from sin. Ask Him for the strength to stand up against the temptation to sin and the desire to live like He wants you to.
- Thank God for His forgiveness. If anything in your life is making you feel far away from Him, confess it and put it behind you.

Each Thursday you can spend time praying for people that are "thirsty" around you. It may be people that are overlooked, people with pain or specific needs, people who do not know Christ around you, families that are in trouble, or any other need that you know of around you.

Remember...pray for the thirsty on Thursday!

**FOR FURTHER STUDY: Study 1 John 1:6-9**

## Week Thirteen, Day Five

### The Substitute

When a teacher is gone, you have a substitute. To make a drink sweet without sugar they add a substitute sweetener. When the time comes to pay for sin, either a person pays for their own sin or they find a perfect sinless substitute. The penalty for sin is death, or separation from God. Since death is required to pay for your sin, your substitute must be perfect and sinless, and they must be willing to pay death for you.

**Study Romans 3:23, 6:23.**

Only the shedding of blood, the giving of life, can "atone" for (pay for) sin and restore a person to God. A long time ago, people used to sacrifice clean animals every year as payment for their sin. But when Jesus came, He became the one perfect, sinless sacrifice for all of us. Jesus is our divine substitute. He endured the punishment that we deserved, shedding His blood and giving His life on the cross to pay for our sin. His "substitutionary atonement" made it possible for us to be freed from the bondage of sin and gave us the opportunity to become God's children.

**Study Hebrews 9:22 and 2 Corinthians 5:21.**

Include the following in your personal prayer time:

- Praise God for sending Jesus to be your divine substitute.
- Thank Jesus for enduring the punishment that you deserved on the cross.

Each Friday is a day to pray for your friendships and how God can help you in your friendships. Ask God to help you represent Christ faithfully to your friends, for God to take care of your friends and for them to make great choices.

Remember it this way...*On Friday, I pray for my Friends.*

**FOR FURTHER STUDY: Study 1 John 5:18**

## **The Weekend**

**Suggested Reading: Matthew 27**

This is the crucifixion story. As you study, consider what your freedom from sin cost Jesus. Express your love and appreciation to Jesus for what He has done for you. Is the way that you are living your life an appropriate response to His sacrifice?

**Make sure that you know this month's memory verse. We will learn a new one next week!**



## WEEK FOURTEEN

*If believers really understood what a gift their salvation truly is, they wouldn't worry so much about the 'things' that otherwise seem so important. They would spend more time meditating on what a great and gracious God we serve. They wouldn't set their salvation on a 'shelf' just to take out and admire, but would use it daily to live a life that pleases God."*

*Karen, Middle school teacher*

### Week Fourteen, Day One **Salvation**

When we do something wrong, we are punished. We understand choices, consequences and punishment. But, did you know that the choices you make to disobey God also bring consequences? Because of Jesus' sacrifice, we are saved from the ultimate punishment that we deserve for the sin in our life, eternal separation from God. This "salvation" is a free gift from God, and it begins the moment that we repent and give God complete control of our lives in exchange for His free gift of forgiveness and eternal life. This moment is commonly referred to as a believer's "salvation experience" and is a specific moment in time that anyone who calls him/herself a believer ought to be able to remember and talk about, whether or not they know the specific words that they prayed or the details of their surroundings.

#### **Study Romans 10:9-10 and 2 Corinthians 5:17.**

Salvation is about surrender. It is a once-and-for-all giving over of yourself to the only one who can rescue your soul. We live our life for God because of our incredible gratitude for His forgiveness.

Include the following in your personal prayer time:

- Thank God for your salvation.
- Commit to share your salvation story with others.

Remember intercessory prayer...My family on Monday.

#### **FOR FURTHER STUDY: Matthew 7:15-23**

### Week Fourteen, Day Two **The Evidence of God in your Life**

If your salvation experience was real, your life will show it. Like a flamingo that turns pink from eating pink food, your life will begin to show evidence of the Holy Spirit's presence in your heart. We call that evidence the "fruit of the Spirit," and it will show up in the way that you live your life, in your words, actions, attitudes, etc. People can tell you belong to God because of the evidence of God coming out of your life. The fruit of a tree lets you know what kind of tree it is, the actions of your life show who is inside of you.

#### **Study Galatians 5:22-24.**

Include the following in your personal prayer time:

- Ask the Holy Spirit to live through you in such a way that others would know that there is something different about you.
- Commit to follow through on God's command to love others and to obey when God gives you a chance to serve.

Intercessory prayer...The Church I belong TO on TUESday.

#### **FOR FURTHER STUDY: 1 John 3:23-24**

## Week Fourteen, Day Three

### God Never Abandons His Children

Once you become a Christian, you cannot lose your salvation. You do not have to live in fear that one day God will get mad and abandon you. When Jesus died on the cross, He died for ALL of your sin, even the sin that you would commit after becoming a Christian. You did not know that you would do “that” sin later, but God knew it and He still loved you and received you when you were saved. Future sin doesn’t have the power to change the fact that you are a child of God, but it will make you feel farther from your Heavenly Father and make it more difficult to hear the Holy Spirit. When you confess your sin it gets rid of the relational “static” that sin creates. But, that relational static does not change the fact that once you are a child of God, you are always a child of God.

**Study Romans 8:38-39 and John 10:27-30.**

#### **\*CHALLENGE\***

**It’s time to memorize a new passage of scripture. Let’s add 1 Corinthians 10:13. What a promise! And at the same time, it takes away all of our excuses! Read it, write it, and post it. Remember, a phrase at a time will get it done over time. Start with verse one and go from there.**

Include the following in your personal prayer time:

- Thank God that you don’t have to worry about losing your salvation.
- Commit to live a life of gratitude for the peace of mind that He provides for you.

Intercessory prayer...My Witness on Wednesday.

**FOR FURTHER STUDY: Ephesians 4:13-14**

## Week Fourteen, Day Four

### Can you be kicked out of God’s family?

So, what about those people who seem to have a real relationship with Christ and then turn away from God? Are they really Christians? Were they ever really Christians?

Anyone can pretend for a while, but the power to live a life of obedience to God is only possible through the Holy Spirit living inside of you. Sooner or later, someone who is pretending to be a Christian will get tired of pretending and give up. They will turn away from their “pretend faith” and do what comes naturally to anyone without Christ, live in sin. The big word for this sequence of events is “apostasy.”

Sometimes a true believer gives in to temptation and becomes distant to the Holy Spirit because of the relational “static” that sin creates in a believer’s heart. They stop coming to church and stop following God’s plan for their life. They are usually miserable and have lots of problems in their sin. God doesn’t give up on His children. He disciplines them until they return to Him. He does this in love, knowing that it is better for them to suffer some discipline for a short while than live life without His guidance and protection for a lifetime. When we run from God we make really bad choices and often hurt ourselves, our future and other people. Sometimes the pain of our sin wakes us up to the rebellion in our life and helps us to return to God.

**Study 1 John 2:19-27.**

Include the following in your personal prayer time:

- Pray for those you know who have turned their back on God.
- Ask God to help you be compassionate toward His children who have wandered away instead of arrogant and pious.

Intercessory prayer..The THIRSty (the lost and hurting) on THURSty.

**FOR FURTHER STUDY: Hebrews 12:11**

## Week Fourteen, Day Five

### Heaven and Hell

Both Heaven and Hell are very real places. They are not made-up incentives to “be good” like some people would like to think. Heaven is a place of eternal relationship with God, reward and friendship with anyone from any time who knows and follows Christ here on earth. Hell is a place of pain and eternal separation from God and other people for anyone who has rejected God’s gift of salvation through Jesus Christ. The Bible has made it clear that the price for sin is eternal punishment. We either allow Jesus to pay the price for our sin or we reject Jesus and we pay the price ourselves. Some people argue that God is too loving to allow anyone to go to hell. But, God has already shown His love to everyone by dying on the cross for our sin. If we do not accept His gift of life, it is our choice to go to hell. If a person does not accept Jesus here, God will not make them follow Him after their death.

**Study John 14:1-6 and Luke 16:19-31.**

Include the following in your personal prayer time:

- Thank God for providing a way for you to escape Hell and spend eternity in Heaven with Him.
- Ask God to keep your focus on Heaven and the reward that you have there instead of on the temporary things around you.

Intercessory prayer...*My Friends on Friday.*

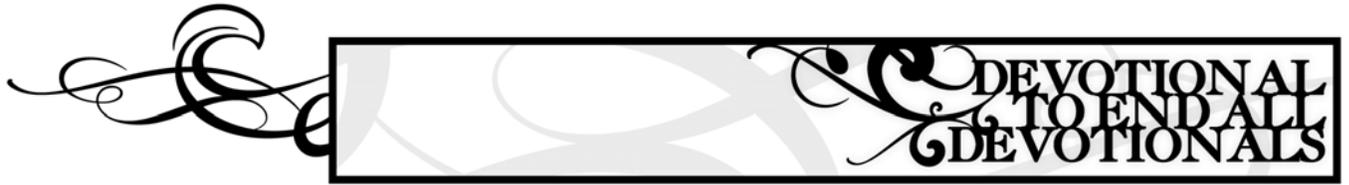
**FOR FURTHER STUDY: 2 Peter 3:8-14**

### The Weekend

**Suggested Reading: Acts 16**

This passage gives us just a glimpse into the exciting and challenging life of the apostle Paul as he set out to fulfill his life purpose according to God’s will. What miraculous things might you experience if you choose to live in obedience to God without any thought for yourself? Hmmmm...

**Work on your new memory verses!**



## WEEK FIFTEEN

### Week Fifteen, Day One

*“The Bible is God’s Word to us. Scripture is alive...2,000 years after it was written, it’s still relevant to our day to day lives. The Bible is God’s standard by which we can check our actions, motives, and lives...and know what He wants for us. Without the Bible, we would be like sailors at sea with no compass or stars to guide us...”*

*Tyson, Youth Pastor*

### The Bible

The Bible is God’s message to man written down and it is the ultimate authority for our lives. When we hear “Bible,” we think one long book. The Bible is actually a library of sixty-six books all bound together. There are two sections, the Old Testament (39 books) and the New Testament (27 books). The Old Testament is before Jesus and the New Testament is the story and teaching of Jesus and His disciples. The books of the Bible were written by many different authors, in three different languages, over a thousand years in many different countries. Most of the writers of the Bible did not know each other (or even live at the same time period). When you read the Bible, remember the Bible was not written to give us a complete history of the world; it was written so that we would know God and know how to follow Him.

### Study 2 Timothy 3:16-17 and 2 Peter 2:20-21.

Include the following in your personal prayer time:

- Thank God for making the effort to communicate with us even though He doesn’t have to explain Himself to anyone.
- Thank God for the answers to life’s questions found in His Word.

Remember...My family on Monday.

**FOR FURTHER STUDY: Jeremiah 30:2 or Exodus 17:14**

## Week Fifteen, Day Two

### God's Word

The Bible, otherwise known as God's Word, is absolute truth. It does not contradict itself, and there are no mistakes (errors) in it. We know that the Bible is "inerrant" (without errors) because God is the author, and there are no mistakes in Him. His word is perfect and trustworthy. But, we have a couple challenges when understanding the Bible: first, we do not have the original copies of the books of the Bible (we have hundreds of copies) and the second major issue is actually living by His word.

Many scholars have spent their lives researching and studying the hundreds (and with some books thousands) of hand written copies of the original text. The original text was written in mainly Hebrew and Greek, but it has been translated into hundreds of different languages, including English. Some of these copies have some variations in them of a few letters or a number. Scholars work to discover which copy made the minor mistake when copying the text and which is the accurate original. It is important to anyone who studies the Bible that they can be confident that what they are reading is as close to what the writer wrote as possible. The good news is that ALL the major copies of the books of the Bible have no major disagreement on significant content. You can trust that the Bible that you are studying today is almost exactly what the original writers wrote down thousands of years ago.

The second issue about the Bible is tougher; deciding that what is written in the Bible will actually change our daily lives. The Bible was written so that we could know how to follow God, but we must decide if we are really going to live the truth of God's word.

#### Study 2 Peter 1:16-21.

Those who don't know Jesus as their Savior have a hard time making sense of the Bible, but those who have the Holy Spirit inside of them are able to interpret what they read with His help.

#### Study 1 Corinthians 2:13-14.

Include the following in your personal prayer time:

- Praise God for His perfection and for being faithful and trustworthy.
- Thank God for helping you understand what you read in the Bible.

Remember...The Church I belong TO on TUESday.

#### FOR FURTHER STUDY: Romans 3:19-21

## Week Fifteen, Day Three

### The Church

The Church is a group of baptized believers organized to carry out God's ministry and mission here on earth. God's Church is world-wide, but it is broken down into smaller groups that take the form of the local church so that its members can function more effectively and support one another on a more personal level. Each church member has a distinct gift and function within the church, to make the local church body whole. We need each other in order to be complete.

#### Study 1 Corinthians 12:12-27.

In the Bible, Jesus is called the Head, the Cornerstone, and the Bridegroom of the church. All of these terms illustrate Jesus' intricate and intimate involvement in the Church and the Church's complete dependence on Him in order to function in a God-pleasing way.

Include the following in your personal prayer time:

- Thank God for your brothers and sisters in Christ (those you enjoy spending time with and those you don't) understanding that each of you is necessary in the body.
- Acknowledge Jesus as the Head, Cornerstone, and Bridegroom of the church. Ask Him to guide your church and care for the members within it as you try to do His will as a group.

Remember...My Witness on Wednesday.

#### FOR FURTHER STUDY: Colossians 3:11-15

## Week Fifteen, Day Four

### “Right-ness”

To be “righteous” is to be blameless. The Bible calls believers to be righteous, to live in such a way that brings glory to God. The problem is the only way to do that is to daily depend on the Holy Spirit within us for power and guidance. The moment that we begin to rely on ourselves or something/someone else to do life right, we lose the power to live a righteous life and please God. We can live kind or moral on our own, if we choose to, but we cannot live righteous without God’s help.

**Study Psalm 1: 1-6 and Psalm 24:3-6.**

Include the following in your personal prayer time:

- Tell God how much you want to bring Him glory in the way that you live your life.
- Commit to depend on the power of the Holy Spirit to live a righteous life.

Remember...The THIRSty on THURSday.

**FOR FURTHER STUDY: Matthew 5:6**

## Week Fifteen, Day Five

### Holiness

To be “holy” is to be pure for God’s use. God calls His children to be holy because He is a holy God. When we live holy lives, we stick out and people understand that God has made a difference in our lives. Holiness is not acting spiritual or religious, it is actually being pure and Spirit led.

**Study 1 Peter 1:13-19 and Leviticus 20:26.**

Include the following in your personal prayer time:

- Tell God that you want to be used by Him. Ask Him to give you the desire to live a holy life so that you can be used.
- Tell God how much better He is than anything the world has to offer.

Remember...My Friends on Friday.

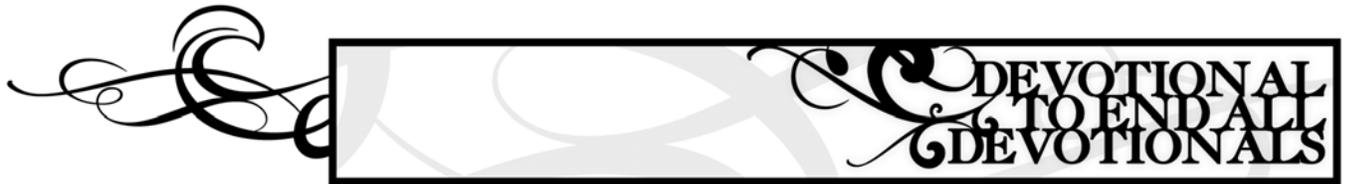
**FOR FURTHER STUDY: 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8**

## The Weekend

**Suggested Reading: Daniel 1:1-21**

This is the story of Daniel and his friends, who were kidnapped from their home and forced to live in a culture that didn’t support their convictions (way of life). Sound familiar? Keeping in mind what you learned during your personal Bible study this week, what can you learn from Daniel and his friends?

**Study your memory verses! If you haven’t done so yet, say them to someone out loud.**



## WEEK SIXTEEN

### Week Sixteen, Day One Set Apart to Shine

Some words in church and in the Bible immediately make us glaze over or skip them, words like: “sanctified.” No one uses the word “sanctified” any more, so we don’t know what it means when we read it. To be “sanctified” is to be “set apart” or made different or usable. There are three kinds of sanctification; the kind that happens when you ask Jesus into your heart (one time in the past), the kind you work toward after you ask Jesus into your heart (always happening, every day), and the kind that happens when you get to Heaven (one day in the future).

When you asked Jesus into your heart, God sanctified you; He pulled you out of the world and out of your sin and set you apart as His own. You were adopted, given Christ’s name, and made a permanent member of God’s eternal family. No matter what you do, you cannot reverse this adoption. Even better, the world no longer has any power over you, and Satan no longer controls any aspect of your life unless you let him. This is great news, when you became a follower of Christ you were forever set apart by God.

#### Study 1 Corinthians 6:11.

Though you were forever set apart as God’s child, God is also always growing you up spiritually (sanctification). God has given you the Bible and the Holy Spirit to teach you more about Him so that you can grow closer to Him and join Him in His work. When you follow God in obedience, God’s love will shine through you. You will stand out in a good way, setting you apart once again from those who don’t know Christ. However, if you choose not to put forth the effort that it takes to grow spiritually, your life will look like the lost people around you. Though you are still God’s adopted child, you will not enjoy the joy of your relationship with God. You are not allowing God to grow you up spiritually each day.

#### Study 1 Thessalonians 4:3-5.

The rhythm of God is different in everyone’s life. He teaches us different things at different times, in different ways and we all respond to Him differently. Some of us grow slowly and steadily, and some of us experience spiritual growth spurts. Some of us become spiritual adults, and some remain spiritual infants. However, once we get to Heaven, God will finish what He started and sanctify us by making our outside match our inside. Being the awesome Father He is, He will take over and end our frustrating struggle with sin forever. Now that’s more good news!

#### Study 1 John 3:1-3.

Include the following in your personal prayer time:

- Thank God for sanctifying you as His child and for promising to one day finish what He started in you.
- Ask God to make you more like Jesus while you are still here on earth.

It’s Monday. Who are you supposed to pray for today? If you don’t remember, look back at last week. On Monday...

**FOR FURTHER STUDY: 1 Thessalonians 5:23**

## Week Sixteen, Day Two

### Justification

Here is another word that makes us glaze over, “justify.” To be “justified” is to be made innocent when you are actually guilty. This is not just overlooking the thing that was wrong, this is making it right again. When a crime is committed, someone should pay for there to be justice. Someone has to be punished. As human beings, our crime is sin. We should be punished. But Jesus took our place and paid for our sin on the cross. Those who put their faith in Him are free from the ultimate penalty for their sin. It’s that simple. Because of what Jesus did for us, we are declared innocent by God and treated as if we are innocent. We are justified, forgiven, made right.

**Study Romans 3:22-26.**

Include the following in your personal prayer time:

- Thank Jesus for taking the punishment for your sin.
- Commit to live a life that shows God how much you appreciate your freedom.

Who or what do you pray for on TUESday?

**FOR FURTHER STUDY: Romans 5:16**

## Week Sixteen, Day Three

*“I believe that my purpose as a follower of Christ is to seek Him in everything I do, love and influence others for Him, and follow His plan for my life.”*

*Caitlin, High school senior*

### Your Life Purpose

Now that you have an understanding of some basic Bible doctrine, let’s explore your life purpose. It’s simpler than you may think!

First, it’s important to remember that God created you for Himself and you will have the greatest joy (fun, life, laughter, freedom, peace, hope and more) when you are living life with God. Life with and for God is not boring and restricted; it is challenging, joyful, peaceful, frightening and rewarding all at the same time.

**Study Psalm 139:13-14 and Colossians 1:16.**

He knows everything that will happen in your life before it happens, and He chose you to be His child. Amazing!

**Study Psalm 139:15-16 and Ephesians 1:4-5.**

God created you to have a relationship with Him. Just as the rest of creation exists to bring glory to God and point people toward Him, you exist to bring God glory in the way that you love and follow Him. God will use your life to draw the people around you into a relationship with Him; just like He drew you. He will probably even choose to use your mouth to tell them about the forgiveness they can find in Jesus. To put it simply, part of your life’s purpose is to point others to God through your words and life just like someone pointed you toward God.

**Study John 6:41-51.**

Include the following in your personal prayer time:

- Thank God for being the only one that knows you completely and still loves you the way that He does.
- Thank God for choosing you to be His child.

How should you pray on Wednesday?

**FOR FURTHER STUDY: 2 Thessalonians 2:13**

## Week Sixteen, Day Four

### Your Calling

You may think that only preachers and missionaries are “called” by God. That is not true. Every believer is “called.” Our “calling” is to a person, Jesus Christ, not a position or a job. While Jesus leads some of His followers into vocational ministry, most of His followers actually lead what people might consider very normal lives.

#### **Study Matthew 4:18-20 and Romans 1:6.**

Titles and positions are not as important as calling. Obedience is the key to living out your “calling,” no matter where Jesus chooses to lead you for a job. God created you with a purpose and interests. He knows what you enjoy, He made you. Sometimes we think that our interests are a distraction to God’s call, when often they are the signpost toward His call. When you live out God’s call in your life, you will be fulfilled knowing that you are doing what you were made to do. Remember, God doesn’t measure success the way that men do. His requirements are very simple.

#### **Study 1 Samuel 16:7 and Micah 6:8.**

Include the following in your personal prayer time:

- Thank God for calling you to Jesus and for giving you the faith to answer that call.
- Ask God to help you view spiritual success the way that He does so that you won’t live to please or impress man.

For what group of people do you pray on THURSDAY?

#### **FOR FURTHER STUDY: Galatians 1:10**

## Week Sixteen, Day Five

### Your Mission

When you let God have complete control of your life and commit your life to following Christ, you will become more concerned about seeing God work through you. You will see how God can use you in the lives of other people. You will want to be a part of God’s plan to rescue the world from the consequences of sin. It may sound a little bit overwhelming at first, and you may wonder what kind of difference you, one believer, could make. But that’s for God to know and you to find out! Your mission is not to develop the plan, but to discover it and follow it, trusting God to work in and through you.

#### **Study 1 Peter 2:9.**

God will tell you what to do.

#### **Study Philippians 2:13.**

God will tell you what to say.

#### **Study 1 Corinthians 2:1-5.**

The most effective “missionary” for Christ is not the one with the most influence and power, but the one with a completely surrendered and willing heart. Do you ever wonder what God could do with your life?

Include the following in your personal prayer time:

- Tell God that you trust Him completely and that you believe that He can accomplish His purpose through you.
- Commit to rely on God for direction, encouragement, and the courage to obey Him.
- Ask God to help you know how to follow the plan He created for you.

Who will your prayers impact on Friday?

#### **FOR FURTHER STUDY: 1 Corinthians 1:25**

# The Weekend

## **Suggested Reading: The book of Esther**

This is the story of Queen Esther, an ordinary girl with an extraordinary calling. Keeping in mind what you have studied about your purpose, your calling, and your mission, what can you learn from Esther? Did Esther or Mordecai dream up their life purpose or did they simply obey?

## **How are those memory verses coming along? Keep on keeping on!**

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