

5 Day Devotional Guide

Grow In Grace

Day 1: You Are Beloved | Scripture: 1 John 3:1-3, Romans 8:38-39

Devotional: Before you could ever love God, He loved you. This is the foundational truth that changes everything. You are not working to earn God's affection—you already have it. Just as a parent loves their child before that child can comprehend love, God loved you with an everlasting love before you knew His name. Today, let this truth sink deep into your soul: You are beloved. Not because of what you've done or will do, but because of who God is. His love isn't conditional on your performance; it's rooted in His character. When you truly grasp this, you'll stop striving for approval and start resting in acceptance. Your identity isn't found in your achievements but in His affection.

Day 2: Learning to Trust | Proverbs 3:5-6, Psalm 37:3-7

Devotional: To know God is to love Him; to love Him is to trust Him. Trust is the bridge between knowing about God and truly knowing God. Many of us know facts about God, but struggle to trust Him with our fears, finances, and futures. Trust develops as we experience God's faithfulness in our lives. Like learning to love someone who has proven themselves reliable, we grow in our trust of God as we witness His consistent goodness. Today, identify one area where you're holding back from trusting God completely. Is it your career? Your relationships? Your health? God's patience with you is not approval of your self-reliance—it's an invitation to depend on Him more fully. Release your grip on control and place your confidence in the One who holds you.

Day 3: Living at Peace | Scripture: Philippians 4:6-7, John 14:27

Devotional: Worry, anxiety, fear, and stress are symptoms of a lack of faith in God's ability to bring peace. God calls us to be found by Him "in peace"—not stressed, fractured, or broken, but whole, complete, and sufficient in Christ. This peace isn't the absence of trials but the presence of God in the midst of them. When you find yourself anxious, it's often because you're relying on your own strength rather than resting in His provision. God doesn't want you to merely manage your stress; He wants to be your peace. Today, practice casting your cares on Him. Speak your worries aloud to God, then consciously choose to trust that He is working all things for your good. Peace comes from knowing that the God who loves you is also the God who controls every circumstance you face.

Day 4: Abiding in the Vine | Scripture: John 15:1-8, Galatians 5:22-25

Devotional: "Without Me you can do nothing." These words from Jesus shatter our illusions of self-sufficiency. The Christian life isn't about trying harder; it's about remaining connected to the source. A branch doesn't strain to produce fruit—it simply stays attached to the vine, and fruit naturally follows. Too often we exhaust ourselves trying to manufacture spiritual results through our own effort. God invites us instead to abide—to remain, to dwell, to rest in Him. As you abide in Christ, His life flows through you, producing fruit you could never generate on your own: love, joy, peace, patience. Today, stop striving and start abiding. Spend time simply being with Jesus, not doing for Jesus. Read His Word not as a duty but as nourishment. Pray not to check a box but to connect with your source.

Day 5: Growing in Grace | Scripture: 2 Peter 3:14-18, Ephesians 2:8-10

Devotional: Assurance of salvation is not about how much you love God or how good you are, but how much God loves you and how good God is. Peter's final instruction is clear: "Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." Growth isn't optional—it's essential. But notice what we're called to grow in: grace and knowledge of God, not merely good behavior or religious activity. Growing in grace means increasingly understanding the depth of God's unmerited favor toward you. Growing in knowledge means pursuing deeper intimacy with Christ. These two work together—the more you know Him, the more you love Him; the more you love Him, the more you trust Him. Let this be your lifelong pursuit. Set aside daily time to seek God's face, to study His character, and to rest in His grace.