

## 5-Day Devotional: Staying Right as a Steward



### Day 1: The Power of Connection

**Reading:** John 15:1-8

**Devotional:** Just as a branch cannot bear fruit apart from the vine, we cannot produce lasting spiritual fruit disconnected from Christ. The gardener prunes not to harm but to increase fruitfulness. This year, examine your connection to God. Are you drawing closer or drifting apart? Connection requires intentionality—daily time in prayer, consistent Bible reading, and worship. When life gets busy and blessings flow, we often disconnect from the very Source that empowered us. The laptop that never loses power stays plugged in. Similarly, our spiritual vitality depends on remaining connected to Christ. Today, commit to staying plugged into the Vine, for apart from Him, we can do nothing.

**Reflection Question:** What practices will you implement to maintain daily connection with God?

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### Day 2: The Discipline of Consistency

**Reading:** 1 Corinthians 4:1-2; Luke 16:10-12

**Devotional:** Faithfulness is consistency in action. Paul reminds us that stewards must be faithful—not sporadic, not emotional, but steadfast. The race isn't given to the swift but to those who endure. Consistency compounds over time, producing extraordinary results from ordinary faithfulness. Joseph demonstrated this principle throughout his journey—from Potiphar's house to prison to Pharaoh's palace. Everywhere he went, "the Lord was with him" because he remained consistent. Your breakthrough in 2026 won't come from one powerful prayer but from daily, disciplined devotion. Small, consistent steps create lasting transformation. Whether in prayer, Bible reading, or obedience, consistency unlocks the blessings God has prepared for faithful stewards.

**Reflection Question:** In what area of your spiritual life do you need greater consistency?

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### Day 3: Remaining Curious for Growth

**Reading:** Psalm 139:23-24; Matthew 26:20-22

**Devotional:** Spiritual maturity requires holy curiosity. When Jesus revealed that one disciple would betray Him, each asked, "Lord, is it I?" This question demonstrates humble self-examination. Growth-oriented believers regularly ask God: "Where are my blind spots? What needs pruning? How can I grow?" David prayed, "Search me, O God, and know my heart." Curiosity prevents complacency and opens doors to deeper revelation. Even when producing fruit, remain curious about producing more. Ask God to reveal areas needing transformation. The moment we think we've arrived is when growth stops. Stay curious about God's word, His ways, and His work in your life. Let curiosity lead to change, transformation, and greater fruitfulness.

**Reflection Question:** What question do you need to ask God about your spiritual growth?

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## Day 4: Staying Right When Life Gets Hard

**Reading:** James 4:7-8; Proverbs 13:12

**Devotional:** Disappointment, delay, and difficulty test our commitment to stay right. When hope deferred makes the heart sick, we're tempted to disconnect. But staying right means maintaining faithfulness even through rejection, waiting, and heartache. Don't let delay cause you to disconnect. Don't let disappointment lead to doubt. Don't pull the plug when your heart feels sick from waiting. God is working while you wait. Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you. Staying right isn't about perfection—it's about direction. When you stumble, quickly repent and reconnect. First John 1:9 promises that God is faithful to forgive and cleanse. The key is staying in God's presence regardless of circumstances.

**Reflection Question:** What disappointment or delay is tempting you to disconnect from God?

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## Day 5: Fruitfulness Through Abiding

**Reading:** Genesis 39:1-6; Philippians 4:13

**Devotional:** Joseph's life illustrates the fruit of abiding. Everywhere he went—Potiphar's house, prison, Pharaoh's palace—"the Lord was with him," and he succeeded. This wasn't luck; it was the result of staying connected and consistent. Fruitfulness follows when we abide in Christ. You can do all things through Christ who strengthens you, but you must remain in Him. As you move through 2026, remember that stewardship isn't about amount but faithfulness. God doesn't measure success by worldly standards but by our connection to Him. When connected, you don't worry about rejection because you know who you are in Christ. Stay connected, stay consistent, stay curious, and watch God produce fruit beyond your imagination.

**Reflection Question:** What fruit is God calling you to produce this year through abiding in Him?

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## Closing Prayer

*Father, thank You for calling us to be faithful stewards. Help us stay connected to You daily, remain consistent in our devotion, and stay curious about how we can grow. Prune away anything that hinders our fruitfulness. We commit 2026 to You, trusting that as we abide in Christ, You will produce lasting fruit in and through our lives. In Jesus' name, Amen.*