

5-Day Bible Reading Plan & Devotional Guide

Living with Intention



Discover Your Purpose. Define Your Priorities. Don't Waste Your Moments.

This devotional extends the sermon into a **Monday–Friday practical journey**, moving from discovering God's purpose to actually taking the next step.

DAY 1 — I Was Created on Purpose

Scripture: Jeremiah 1:5

You don't have to create your purpose; you have to discover the purpose God has already placed on your life.

One of the greatest dangers in life is believing that our existence is accidental. Jeremiah 1:5 reminds us that God's knowledge of us preceded our birth. Before Jeremiah had a résumé, a reputation, or an understanding of his future, God already knew him and had a purpose for him. The same truth changes how we see ourselves. Your circumstances may have changed. Your plans may have changed. Your understanding of yourself may have changed. But God's purpose is not dependent upon your ability to see the whole picture.

Life Application

Ask yourself:

“What has God placed in me that He may be calling me to develop, use, or release?”

Prayer

Lord, help me see my life through Your eyes. Remind me that I am not an accident and that You have purpose for my life. Give me clarity to recognize Your calling and courage to follow it. Amen.

Today's Intention

I will look for God's purpose instead of allowing my circumstances to define my life.

DAY 2 — Make Your Calling Visible

Scripture: 2 Peter 1:10

A calling isn't confirmed only by what you say; it becomes evident by how you live.

Peter challenges believers to make their calling and election sure. Your faith should eventually show up in your character, your decisions, your relationships, and your conduct.

This is where intentional living becomes practical.

It is easy to say, **“God has called me.”** The harder question is: **“Does the way I live demonstrate that I believe it?”** Your calling isn't simply a title. It is a responsibility. That's why Peter connects calling with qualities such as faith, virtue, knowledge, self-control, patience, godliness, brotherly affection, and love. God's calling should produce something in us. **Right belief is authenticated by right behavior.**

God doesn't call us because we are already perfect. He calls us and then faithfully works in us.

Life Application

Identify **one character quality** God wants you to intentionally develop this week.

Maybe it's patience.

Maybe it's discipline.

Maybe it's love.

Maybe it's self-control.

Don't simply pray about it. **Practice it.**

Prayer

Father, help me live in a way that demonstrates that I belong to You. Develop my character so that my life reflects the calling You have placed on me. Amen.

Today's Intention

I will demonstrate my calling through my character.

DAY 3 — Guard Your Priorities

Scripture: Matthew 6:33

Whatever gets first place in your life eventually gets the best of your life.

One of the greatest threats to intentional living is **priority drift**.

You don't have to intentionally abandon your priorities. Sometimes they simply get rearranged. God was first, but life got busy. Family mattered, but work became demanding. Prayer was important, but the schedule got crowded. Church was valuable, but other commitments slowly took its place. That's priority drift.

Jesus gives us the antidote: **seek God's Kingdom first.**

Life Application

Take an honest look at your calendar, energy, money, and attention.

Ask:

“What currently receives the best of me?”

Then ask:

“Does that reflect what I say matters most?”

Prayer

Lord, help me recognize where my priorities have drifted. Put my life back in proper order. Teach me to seek Your Kingdom first and to organize everything else around what matters to You. Amen.

Today's Intention

I will align my priorities with God's Kingdom.

DAY 4 — Don't Waste the Moment

Scripture: Psalm 90:12

You may not need more time; you may need more wisdom with the time you already have.

Moses asks God to teach us to number our days so that we may gain wisdom. That's an important distinction.

We often ask God for **more time**.

More time to pursue the dream.

More time with family.

More time to serve.

More time to make a difference.

But perhaps the greater prayer is:

“God, teach me how to use the time You've already given me.”

Once you prioritize, **then you must maximize**.

Intentional living doesn't mean filling every empty space on your calendar. It means making sure the moments you are given are invested in things that matter.

Life Application

Identify **one moment you might normally rush through today** and intentionally slow down enough to recognize what God may be asking you to do.

Prayer

God, teach me to number my days. Give me wisdom to recognize the moments You place before me and the discipline to use them well. Help me stop wasting what You have entrusted to me. Amen.

Today's Intention

I will maximize the moment instead of merely passing through it.

DAY 5 — Take the Next Step

Scripture: James 1:22

Intention without action is only a good idea.

We can hear a powerful message, write down great notes, feel inspired, and even agree with everything God says and still remain exactly where we were.

James tells us not to merely listen to God's Word but to **do what it says**.

That's where intentional living becomes real.

You don't have to take ten steps today.

Take the next step.

Maybe your next step is forgiving somebody.

Maybe it's starting the ministry.

Maybe it's ending the distraction.

Maybe it's rebuilding your prayer life.

Maybe it's having the difficult conversation.

Maybe it's making time for your family.

Maybe it's finally obeying what God has already told you.

The goal isn't to do everything.

It's to do the next right thing.

Life Application

Complete this sentence:

“Because God has called me, my next intentional step is _____.”

Then **do it.**

Prayer

Lord, thank You for giving my life purpose. Give me courage to take the next step, even when I cannot see every step after that. Help me move from hearing to doing, from intention to action, and from knowing Your will to walking in Your will. Amen.

Today's Intention

I will take the next step God is asking me to take.