

Build to Last - focused on the end

Here's a 5-day Bible reading plan & devotional guide

Day 1: Living with Holy Urgency

Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14

Devotional: Peter reminds us that God's timeline isn't our own. What seems like a delay to us is God's patience, giving more people the chance to turn to Him. This should inspire a sense of holy urgency - not panic, but purposeful living.

Reflect on how you view time. Are you living with the awareness that Christ could return at any moment? How might this change your priorities or actions? Think about one area of your life where you need to live with greater intentionality and urgency for God's kingdom.

Prayer: Lord, help me see time through Your eyes. Give me a sense of holy urgency, not to live in fear, but to live purposefully for You. Amen.

Day 2: Growing in Grace and Knowledge

Reading: 2 Peter 1:3-8

Devotional: Peter emphasizes that God has given us everything we need for life and godliness. Our role is to actively participate in our spiritual growth, adding to our faith, goodness, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, mutual affection, and love.

Which of these qualities do you feel you need to develop more? Keep in mind, growth isn't automatic - it requires intentional effort empowered by God's grace. What practical step can you take today to grow in one of these areas?

Prayer: Father, thank You for providing all I need to grow. Help me actively participate in my spiritual development, relying on Your grace. Amen.

Day 3: Standing Firm in Truth

Reading: 2 Peter 2:1-3, 3:17-18

Devotional: In a world filled with deception and false teaching, Peter calls us to be anchored in God's Word. Truth isn't only about what we believe - it shapes how we live. We're called to grow in our knowledge of Christ as a safeguard against being led astray.

How grounded are you in God's truth? Are there areas where you feel uncertain or easily swayed? Commit to deepening your understanding of God's Word. Consider starting a Bible study or finding a mentor to help you grow in biblical knowledge.

Prayer: God, make me a lover of Your truth. Help me discern lies and stand firm in Your Word. Increase my hunger to know You more deeply. Amen.

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Day 4: Living for Eternity

Reading: Matthew 6:19-21, Colossians 3:1-4

Devotional: Peter challenges us to live with eternity in mind. This world isn't our final home, and everything here will eventually fade away. Our true treasure and identity are found in Christ.

Examine your life: Where are you investing most of your time, energy, and resources? Are these investments eternal or temporary? Ask God to reveal one way you can shift your focus more toward eternal things today.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, fix my eyes on You and the eternal hope I have in You. Help me loosen my grip on temporary things and cling more tightly to what lasts forever. Amen.

Day 5: Faithful to the Finish

Reading: Hebrews 12:1-3

Devotional: Peter's final exhortation is to remain faithful to the end. Like runners in a race, we're called to persevere, keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus. This requires letting go of everything that hinders us and the sin that so easily entangles us. What's holding you back in your spiritual race? Is there a sin you need to confess or a weight you need to lay down? Remember, you're not running alone - a great cloud of witnesses surrounds you, and Jesus himself is both your example and your strength.

Prayer: Father, give me endurance to run this race well. Help me to lay aside every weight and sin, fixing my eyes on Jesus. By Your grace, make me faithful to the finish. Amen.