

DISCIPLESHIP RESOURCES

DAILY DEVOTIONALS

TUESDAY - SATURDAY
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Tuesday, April 28th Day 1: The Order of God's Priorities



Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:27-31

Devotional: God has intentionally ordered His gifts within the church, not by human preference but by divine wisdom. The Corinthians became infatuated with flashy spiritual manifestations, missing the greater purpose. Today, we often chase what appears impressive rather than what truly edifies the body of Christ. Paul challenges us to "earnestly desire the best gifts"—those that build up others rather than showcase ourselves.

Reflection: What gifts or abilities has God given you? Are you using them to draw attention to yourself or to serve others? Ask God to reveal how your unique contribution fits into His larger plan for your church family.

Application: This week, ask God to show you one way you can use your gifts specifically to encourage or serve someone else in your church community without seeking recognition.

Wednesday, April 29th Day 2: The Motive Behind Our Service

Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:1-3

Devotional: You can possess extraordinary spiritual gifts, speak with eloquence, demonstrate mountain-moving faith, and perform sacrificial acts—yet without love, it all amounts to nothing. This sobering truth confronts our tendency to measure spirituality by activity or ability. God examines the heart behind our service. The Corinthians were busy and gifted but lacked genuine love for one another.

Reflection: Why do you serve? Is it for recognition, to feel spiritual, or out of genuine love for God and others? Be honest with yourself and God about your motivations.

Application: Before your next act of service—whether teaching, giving, or helping—pause and pray: "God, let this flow from a heart of love for You and others, not from a desire for approval or praise."

Thursday, April 30th

Day 3: Understanding Agape Love

Reading: 1 John 4:7-21

Devotional: Agape love is not a feeling but a choice—a selfless, sacrificial, unconditional action seeking the highest good of others. This love is rare in human literature but saturates Scripture because it originates from God's very nature. "God is love," John declares. We love because He first loved us. This love sent Jesus to the cross while we were still sinners. It's not dependent on the worthiness of the recipient or the convenience of the giver.

Reflection: How does understanding love as an action rather than a feeling change your relationships? Who in your life is difficult to love, and how might you choose to love them this week?

Application: Identify someone you struggle to love and perform one specific act of kindness for them this week, regardless of how you feel.

Friday, May 1st

Day 4: What Love Looks Like in Practice

Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Devotional: Paul's description of love isn't poetic fluff—it's a scathing rebuke of the Corinthian church's behavior. They were envious, proud, rude, self-seeking, easily provoked, grudge-holding, and even celebrated sin. True love is patient with a long fuse, kind in thoughtfulness, rejoices in truth, and endures through all circumstances. This love keeps no record of wrongs and extends grace further than seems reasonable.

Reflection: Which characteristic of love challenges you most? Where do you see yourself in the "what love is not" list? Confess this to God and ask for His transforming power.

Application: Choose one characteristic of love from verses 4-7 that you struggle with. For the next week, intentionally practice that specific aspect of love in your interactions with others.

Saturday, May 2nd

Day 5: Love That Lasts Forever

Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:8-13

Devotional: Everything fades—prophecies, tongues, knowledge, even faith and hope—but love never ends. When Christ returns and we receive glorified bodies, spiritual gifts will become unnecessary. We'll no longer see dimly through a mirror but face to face. Yet love remains because God is love. The greatest investment of your life isn't in developing impressive abilities but in cultivating Christlike love. This eternal reality should reshape our priorities.

Reflection: If only love lasts into eternity, how should that truth change how you spend your time, energy, and resources today? What temporary pursuits are consuming energy that could be invested in eternal love?

Application: Evaluate your weekly schedule. Identify one activity or commitment that doesn't flow from or cultivate love, and replace it with something that does—deeper relationships, reconciliation, or service to others.

Closing Prayer for the Week:

Father, thank You for loving us first and showing us what sacrificial love looks like through Jesus. Transform our hearts so that love—not activity, knowledge, or giftedness—becomes our defining characteristic. Help us choose love when it's costly, inconvenient, and difficult. May our church be known by the way we love You and one another. In Jesus' name, Amen.