

Day 1: Spirit-Filled Leadership

Reading: Acts 6:1-7

Devotional: The early church faced challenges, but the apostles' wisdom in appointing spirit-filled leaders shows us the importance of godly leadership. As we read about the selection of these first deacons, reflect on how God has placed leaders in your life. How can you support and pray for your church leaders? Consider how you might serve others with the gifts God has given you. Remember, true leadership in God's kingdom is about humble service, not personal gain. Ask God to fill you with His Spirit so you can lead and serve others effectively in your spheres of influence.

Day 2: Prioritizing Spiritual Needs

Reading: Matthew 6:25-34

Devotional: Jesus teaches us to seek first the kingdom of God. The apostles understood this principle when they prioritized prayer and the ministry of the Word. In our busy lives, it's easy to become distracted by physical needs and worldly concerns. Today, examine your priorities. Are you putting spiritual growth and God's kingdom first? How can you realign your focus to ensure you're feeding your spirit as well as your body? Consider setting aside dedicated time for prayer and Bible study, trusting that as you seek God's kingdom, He will provide for all your needs.

Day 3: Unity in the Gospel

Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

Devotional: The early church's unity in selecting deacons demonstrates the power of coming together under Christ. Paul's words to the Ephesians echo this call for unity. In a world often divided, the church is called to be a beacon of unity in Christ. Reflect on areas where you might be allowing personal preferences or disagreements to hinder unity in your church family. How can you contribute to a spirit of oneness? Pray for your church to be unified in its mission to share the gospel, remembering that our unity is a powerful testimony to the world of Christ's love.

Day 4: Relational Faith and Trust

Reading: Proverbs 3:5-6

Devotional: The interaction between the apostles, the church, and the newly appointed deacons showcases a beautiful picture of relational faith and trust. This trust is rooted in their shared faith in God. Proverbs reminds us to trust in the Lord with all our hearts. Consider your relationships within your church family. Are there areas where you need to extend more trust? How can you deepen your relationships with fellow believers? Remember, as you trust in God, He will guide your paths and strengthen your bonds with others. Take a step today to reach out and build a deeper connection with someone in your faith community.

Day 5: For His Glory and Our Good

Reading: Romans 8:28-39

Devotional: The song "His Glory, My Good" reminds us that everything in our lives, including trials, can be used for God's glory and our ultimate good. Paul's powerful words in Romans 8 affirm this truth. No matter what challenges you face, God is working all things together for good for those who love Him. Reflect on a current difficulty in your life. How might God be using this for His glory and your growth? Even in pain, we can trust that God's love for us is unshakeable. Today, choose to praise God in your circumstances, knowing that His glory is indeed your good.