

5-Day Devotional Plan: Rooted in the Word
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Day 1: Choosing Your Path

Reading: Psalm 1:1-3

Devotional: Every morning we wake to a choice: whose voice will direct our steps today? The blessed person doesn't merely avoid ungodly counsel, and they actively delight in God's instruction. Notice the progression in verse one: walking, standing, sitting. Spiritual drift happens gradually, one small compromise at a time. But God offers a different path. When we plant ourselves beside the river of His Word, we access a constant source of life that never runs dry. The world offers countless voices clamoring for our attention, but only one Voice brings true wisdom. Today, before checking your phone or turning on the news, ask yourself: what is feeding my soul? The voices you listen to will eventually become the values you live by.

Reflection Question: What "voices" have the most influence in your daily life, and how can you prioritize God's voice above all others?

Day 2: Delighting in God's Presence

Reading: Psalm 119:97-105

Devotional: Delight is far stronger than duty. The psalmist doesn't describe reluctant obedience but passionate pursuit. "Oh, how I love Your law! It is my meditation all day long." This isn't about checking off a religious obligation. It is about encountering the living God. When you love someone, you treasure their words. You read their letters repeatedly. You listen for their voice. God's Word isn't just ancient text; it's His personal communication to you today. Meditation means chewing on truth until it becomes part of who you are, like nourishment absorbed into your very being. Verse 105 reminds us that His Word is a lamp, but it doesn't illuminate the entire journey but providing enough light for the next step. Faith isn't seeing the whole road; it's trusting the One who does.

Reflection Question: When you open Scripture, are you checking a box or meeting with your Father?

Day 3: Nourished for the Journey

Reading: Matthew 4:1-4; Jeremiah 15:16

Devotional: "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God." Jesus spoke these words when He was physically starving, yet He understood a deeper hunger. Our souls require daily nourishment just as our bodies do. Yesterday's meal cannot sustain today's body; last week's sermon cannot sustain this week's battle. Jeremiah declared, "Your words were found, and I ate them, and Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart." He didn't merely hear God's Word. He consumed it, allowing it to become part of his very identity. Many Christians are running on spiritual empty, wondering why they feel depleted while trying to love

difficult people, resist temptation, and face life's challenges disconnected from their power source. God never intended us to live that way.

Reflection Question: What would change if you viewed Bible reading as eating just like essential daily nourishment rather than optional activity?

Day 4: Bearing Fruit in Season

Reading: John 15:1-8; Galatians 5:22-23

Devotional: Branches don't struggle to produce grapes as they simply remain attached to the vine. The life flowing through the vine naturally produces fruit. Jesus makes this beautifully clear: "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you." Fruit isn't manufactured through effort; it grows through connection. Notice that David says the tree brings forth fruit "in its season." God works in seasons. Some are filled with visible harvest; others involve invisible preparation beneath the surface. Don't mistake silence for absence as God often does His deepest work underground, developing roots before revealing fruit. The fruit the world notices isn't your Bible knowledge but your peace, patience, kindness, and Christlike character when life becomes difficult. That's what changes hearts.

Reflection Question: What spiritual fruit is God currently developing in your life, even if it's not yet visible to others?

Day 5: Equipped for Every Good Work

Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-17; Hebrews 4:12-13

Devotional: Scripture doesn't simply make us more knowledgeable. It equips us, prepares us, completes us. Paul teaches that God's Word is profitable for doctrine (what is right), reproof (what is wrong), correction (how to get right), and instruction in righteousness (how to stay right). This is God's loving process of transformation. Sometimes we open the Bible expecting comfort and instead find conviction. Don't resent that instead welcome it. Conviction is one of God's greatest expressions of love. Condemnation says, "You're a failure." Conviction says, "My child, let's fix this together." Hebrews reminds us that God's Word is living and active, sharper than any sword, discerning our thoughts and intentions. When you read Scripture, Scripture reads you and that exposes, refining, and gradually conforming you to the image of Christ.

Reflection Question: Can you recall a time when God's Word lovingly corrected you, and how did that change your direction?