



DAY 1

PRIORITIES

All glory to God our Father forever and ever!

PHILIPPIANS 4:20 NLT

The temptation we may struggle to overcome is the need for approval, affirmation, or adoration from those around us. We want love and respect from our family members, recognition from coworkers, and good standing within our community. We strive for these conditional social rewards. Something within us longs for acceptance, and so we shift our attention to the accolades this world offers.

If we're not proactive, our priorities can become misguided. We can be tricked into thinking that others should lift us up. It has been said that the chief end of man is to bring glory to God. The honest question that every man needs to face is this: Who do I want to see glorified in my life today?

God, whenever I am swayed to seek my own stance on a pedestal, remind me of who you are and what my priorities should be.



DAY 2

BLESSING

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

PHILIPPIANS 4:23 NLT

Does anyone in your family or within your network of friends need to receive a blessing like this from you? You're in a privileged and unique situation to speak life into those who need your love. You have the incredible opportunity, through your words, to encourage those closest to you.

God wants you to extend his blessing. So, today, receive the grace he has for you through Jesus and then be intentional about sharing that grace with those you love. Jesus loves you, has given his life for you. He offers you unrelenting relationship. Now do the same for others in his grace-filled power.

God, may you give me more than enough grace, so I overflow on those around me.



DAY 3

CHANGING LIVES

This same Good News that came to you is going out all over the world. It is bearing fruit everywhere by changing lives, just as it changed your lives from the day you first heard and understood the truth about God's wonderful grace.

COLOSSIANS 1:6 NLT

The good news of Jesus is that our sins are forgiven and our relationship with God is restored through his saving work on the cross. This seed, when planted, grows and bears fruit for generations.

You have a remarkable twofold calling. First, you are called to embrace the good news wherever you are, making the grace and truth of Jesus the central component of your life. Second, you are called to share this good news with anyone who comes across your path. Sow the seeds of the gospel of Jesus within their lives. Help them to cultivate their faith. Provide the water, the light, the nutrients, and the environment for their faith to flourish. And watch with joy as the good news of Jesus spreads through them.

God, let me never cover up my faith. Continue to change my life by your Spirit.



DAY 4

WORK SO HARD

We tell others about Christ, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all the wisdom God has given us. We want to present them to God, perfect in their relationship to Christ.

That's why I work and struggle so hard, depending on Christ's mighty power that works within me.

COLOSSIANS 1:28-29 NLT

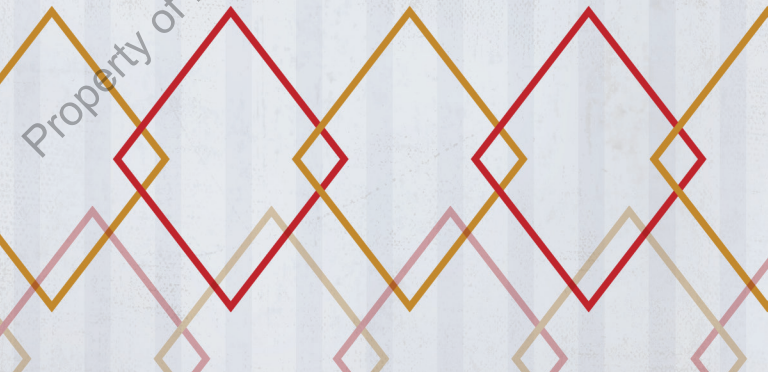
If you were called to a meeting with God, and if it were your special responsibility to introduce the people in your life to him, what would you say? If you had your lifetime to prepare for this meeting, how would you spend your life?

Paul tirelessly invested the qualities of his own life into others. His desire was to present people to God, perfect through Christ. He sought God's wisdom in the practice of his own faith so he would know how to teach and represent God to those he cared about. He worked so hard, not for his own gain but so others would discover and embrace the forgiveness and abundance that comes from knowing Jesus.

God, may the work of my heart and hands today be determined, strong, and courageous.

If Jesus is to be your
Lord, let him be your
Lord in every way.

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DAY 5

CONTINUE TO LIVE

Just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him.

COLOSSIANS 2:6 NLT

Just because at some point in your life you committed yourself to Jesus, it doesn't mean that your faith is to remain static. To be a disciple of Jesus means to be a learner of him.

Continue to follow Jesus. Follow him with more attentive steps than yesterday. Learn his thoughts, his actions, and his will. Seek out his decisions for you, search out his advice, and call out for his wisdom. Run to his healing, walk where he miraculously stands, and get down into the messes in which he so willingly places himself. Embrace him as tightly today as you did at any point in your past. If Jesus is to be your Lord, let him be your Lord in every way.

God, give me the resolve to continue to trust myself to your guidance, your steps, and your presence in my life. I want to follow you again today, as I did yesterday and as I will tomorrow.