

**28
DAY
BIBLE
READING
CHALLENGE**



“BUT SEEK FIRST HIS KINGDOM AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS
AND ALL THESE THINGS WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU AS WELL.”
MATTHEW 6:33

HOW TO START A DAILY QUIET TIME

Make a commitment to wake up early each morning for Bible reading, prayer and journal writing. Use this journal to guide your quiet time with Jesus. The discipline of rising early to meet with Him will change your life forever.

Go some place quiet. Turn off your phone and remove anything that might be a distraction.

Find the day's verse in the Bible and read it several times.

Rewrite the scripture in your own words on the journal page. During the day, try to recall what the verses were all about.

As you're thinking about those verses, focus on the action you need to take as a result of what you've read. Life-change happens when we apply what we read to our lives. Write down in your journal any thoughts or actions related to that day's verse. We've included some questions to get you started.

Where are you planning on having your quiet time?

When are you planning on having your quiet time?

START CONNECTING

This challenge is designed to help you develop the discipline of spending time with Jesus every day. If you miss a day, or even a few days, along this journey do not feel guilty or give up. While connecting with God shouldn't feel like homework, consistency is important. You will find that your desire to spend time with Jesus will increase as you are consistent. We hope this challenge will start you on the path to enjoying daily time with God.

1-JESUS IS ETERNAL LIFE

Date _____

The Bible tells us all about the love of Jesus Christ. As you read today's verses from the Gospel of John, substitute your name for "the world" and for "whoever."

John 3:16 says, "For God so loved _____ that He gave His one and only Son, that _____ believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."

Take a few minutes to write down why you are thankful for Jesus. What has He done in your life?

2-JESUS IS THE ONLY WAY

Date _____

Some believe there are many roads to God but the Bible is very clear that there is only one way. What does Jesus say about Himself? Turn in your Bible to John 14:6 for the answer and write down your thoughts.

Read John 14:6

3-THE BIBLE IS GOD'S WORD

Date _____

The Bible says memorizing scripture is like hiding God's word in your heart. Why is it important to hide God's word in your heart?

Read Psalm 119: 9-11

4-TIME WITH JESUS IS IMPORTANT

Date _____

Spending time with Jesus before your busy day starts can lead to days filled with his purpose and incredible plans. In this verse, see how Jesus sets the example for us. How can you follow Jesus' example? Why should you?

Read Mark 1:35

5-JESUS SAID TO LOVE YOUR ENEMIES Date _____

"But I just can't forgive that person. You don't know what they did to me."

We've all said it or thought it. Forgiveness is tough. Remember that Jesus asked His Father to forgive the people who killed him. God can soften your heart so that you can forgive. Ask Jesus to reveal anyone in your life who needs your forgiveness. Write down your thoughts and what you plan to do.

Read Matthew 6:14-15

6-EVERYTHING IS FOR JESUS

Date _____

You might wonder if your life really makes a difference. Consider that everything you do is for Jesus. Wherever you are, whatever you do, whether in your home with your family or at your job, do it all as if you're serving Jesus. Practically speaking, how would your life change if you did everything as unto the Lord?

Read Colossians 3:23-24

7-UNSPOKEN SERMONS

Date _____

Your words and interactions influence the people around you, even when you don't know they're watching. Is there anything in your lifestyle that could cause someone to doubt Jesus' life-changing message? Jesus will reveal those things to you when you ask. What is Jesus asking you to change?

Read Romans 14:13

8-CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

Date _____

The fact is, we have all sinned, and have chosen to go our own way rather than Jesus' perfect way. We fall short of Jesus' standard for our lives. Confession is acknowledging that you have sinned. Repentance is leaving your sin, never to return. Confession and repentance of sin will restore your close fellowship with Jesus. What does God promise to do when you confess sin? What do you need to repent of?

Read 1 John 1:8-9

9-JESUS HAS POWER

Date _____

You may think that miraculous things only happen in the lives of other people. Today, look around you to see evidence of Jesus' tremendous power. Where do you see His creativity? Where do you see his power? Remember that all things were created by Him. In what area of your life do you need Jesus' tremendous power?

Read Ephesians 3:20

10-JESUS STRENGTHENS US

Date _____

These verses are about the secret of contentment in good times and bad. How do these powerful words speak to your circumstances?

Read Philippians 4:12-13

11-NO WORRIES

Date _____

Do you ever find yourself sweating the little stuff? Jesus' clear message is that He is in control. Apply these verses to a situation you are facing.

Read Matthew 6:31-34

12-JESUS BRINGS PEACE

Date _____

Can you imagine living without fear or anxiety? What does “transcends all understanding” mean? What does verse seven say about your heart and mind?

Read Philippians 4:6-7

13-JESUS BRINGS HEALING

Date _____

The Bible is filled with stories about Jesus and His passion to heal people. If He asked you today, "What do you want me to do?" how would you respond?

Read Matthew 20: 32-34

14-WORTHY

Date _____

The Bible says Jesus called to us and saved us even though we were unworthy. Now, because of His salvation, we can live lives worthy of His calling. Take a moment to examine your life. Does your humility and patience draw others to Jesus?

Read Ephesians 4:1-2

15-GIFTS FROM GOD

Date _____

Jesus' generosity has no end. What are some of the good and perfect gifts Jesus has placed in your life?

Read James 1:17

16-TEST ME IN THIS

Date _____

Matthew 4:7 says that we should not test God. However, the Bible gives one exception when it is OK to test God's faithfulness. Malachi 3:10 says, "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it."

What is tithing?

Tithing is giving 10 percent of our gross income to His church.

Why should we tithe?

The Bible tells us we should. Tithing shows what we believe about the Bible. Tithing is an opportunity to acknowledge that all we have belongs to Jesus (Psalm 24:1). Tithing shows that we have placed our trust in Jesus to supply all of our needs. It teaches us to be childlike, not childish in our wants.

In addition to the daily discipline of waking early to spend time with Jesus, take up the challenge to bring 10 percent of your gross income to the church you attend. You may be concerned about losing 10 percent of your income. This is your opportunity to test God's faithfulness. As you involve Him in your finances, you will see that He can do more with your money than you can. Be obedient to what God tells you to do, and trust in His amazing promises for those who are faithful in the area of finances.

What do you need to do to excel in giving?

Read 2 Corinthians 8:7

17-JESUS BRINGS REST

Date _____

Are you tired? If it seems that the weight of the world is on your shoulders, take comfort in the words of our Savior, Jesus Christ. You will find rest in Him. In what areas of your life do you need Jesus to give you rest?

Read Matthew 11:28-30

18-DON'T GIVE UP

Date _____

Discouraged? God's word encourages us to never give up. What do you think the word "harvest" in this verse means in your life?

Read Galatians 6:9

19-THE VOICE OF JESUS

Date _____

The Bible describes us as sheep and Jesus as our shepherd. Sheep who follow the shepherd closely will be able to recognize the shepherd's voice. Jesus speaks to us primarily through His Word. What has Jesus said to you through His Word? What is Jesus saying to you in these verses about your security in Him?

Read John 10:27-28

20-IMITATORS OF JESUS

Date _____

Your life as a follower of Jesus is so much more than just praying that He would save you; truly following Jesus means imitating Him in everything. What are some ways you are not imitating Jesus right now? What needs to change? How can we imitate Jesus' life of love?

Read Ephesians 5:1-2

21-WE CAN KNOW

Date _____

The Bible says we can be confident of our salvation. We can know that we have eternal life. Our confidence is not based on what we have done but on what Christ has done for us. If you are not absolutely confident that you are a Christ-follower, confess Him as Lord today. If you have already made this life-changing decision, write about how and when you did.

Read 1 John 5:13

22-WE CAN TRUST JESUS

Date _____

While God may not give you an entire road map for your life, He will show you the next step to take when you ask in faith. What is the promise in these verses for those who trust Him?

Read Proverbs 3:5-6

23-LOOK INSIDE

Date _____

Finding fault in others is much easier than examining ourselves. Notice Jesus' strong words about judging others. How does this passage apply to your life today? Why must we continually examine ourselves?

Read Matthew 7:1-3

24-LOVING THE UNLOVABLE

Date _____

People who show kindness and respect are easy to love. What about someone who is difficult, critical or clearly “unlovable”? Who comes to mind? What does Jesus say you can do?

Read Matthew 5: 43-44

25-REASONS FOR HOPE

Date _____

When we begin to follow Christ, people notice. Be prepared to share the reason for your hope and to tell others how He has changed your life. Sharing your story is as simple as saying what life was like before Jesus, how Jesus came into your life and how Jesus has changed you. What is the reason you have for hope? How is Jesus changing your life?

Read 1 Peter 3:15

26-NO FEAR

Date _____

Fear can immobilize you. Don't allow fear to hold you back from accomplishing Jesus' purpose for your life. Take a moment to write about the fears that may be holding you back. Your God is far greater than your fear.

Read 2 Timothy 1:7

27-EQUIPMENT FOR THE JOURNEY

Date _____

As a follower of Christ, Jesus may give you an assignment that seems impossible. Trust that God will equip you for any work that He ordains. Have you felt that Jesus has a special assignment for you? What do you think that is? How is He equipping you for the journey?

Read 1 Chronicles 28:20

28-GIVING THANKS

Date _____

Tell Jesus the desires of your heart and thank Him for saving you. List His amazing attributes and blessings.

Read Philippians 1:9

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