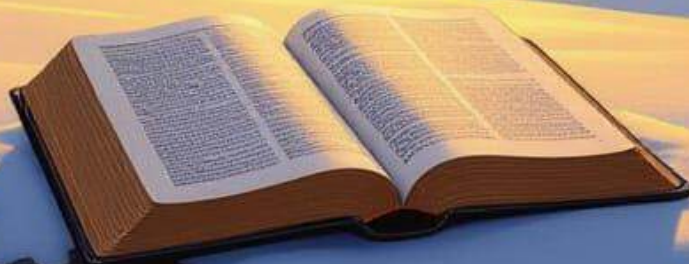


Monthly Devotional



January 2026

Live to Please God



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Dear friend,

Welcome to a brand new year and thank you for downloading this month's *Devotional Plan Live to Please God*.

As we step into January 2026, we are reminded that every new beginning is a gift of grace a chance to refocus our hearts and our purpose. This month, we'll walk together through Scripture and prayer to discover what it truly means to live a life that brings joy to the heart of God.

In a world that often pulls us in many directions, God calls us to a simple and powerful truth to live in a way that reflects His love, His peace, and His holiness. When we live to please Him, we find freedom from fear, strength in obedience, and lasting joy in His presence.

My prayer for you is that as you read, reflect, and grow through this devotional, your relationship with Christ will deepen. May your heart be encouraged to seek Him first in all things in your thoughts, your choices, and your daily walk.

Thank you for joining us on this journey of faith. Let's make this new year one of devotion, purpose, and joy living each day to please the One who made us and loves us beyond measure.

With grace and blessings,
Pastor Dan



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Prayer for January

Heavenly Father,

As I step into this new year, I give You my heart, my plans, and my days.
Teach me to live not for my own desires, but to please You in all I do.

Let my thoughts reflect Your truth,
my words speak kindness and grace,
and my actions show the love of Christ to everyone around me.

When distractions come, help me fix my eyes on You.
When I grow weary, strengthen me with Your Spirit.
When I fall short, remind me of Your mercy that never ends.

Lord, renew my mind and shape my will,
so that my life brings joy to Yours.
Let every moment in work, in rest, in joy, and in trial
be an offering that honors Your name.

May Your Holy Spirit guide me daily
to walk in obedience,
to love without condition,
and to serve with a thankful heart.

This month and this year,
be glorified in me, Lord.
For You alone are worthy of my devotion,
and my deepest desire is to please You.

In Jesus' holy name,
Amen.



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1 January 2026

1 Corinthians 10:31

Living Every Day for God's Glory.

God calls us to live a life that reflects His glory not only in moments of worship, but in every part of our daily routine. This verse reminds us that even the simplest actions can become acts of worship when our hearts are focused on Him.

Living for God's glory means choosing faithfulness in the small things. It means honoring Him in how we speak, how we work, how we treat others, and how we handle our responsibilities. When our lives are centered on God, nothing is ordinary—everything has eternal value.

Today, consider how your everyday choices can point others to God. When you live for His glory, your life becomes a testimony of His love and grace.

Prayer

Lord, help me to honor You in everything I do today. May my life reflect Your glory in both big and small moments. Amen.



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2 January 2026

Hebrews 11:6

Faith That Pleases God

Faith is the foundation of our walk with God. Hebrews 11:6 reminds us that faith is not just believing *about* God, but trusting Him enough to come near, seek Him, and rely on His promises. God is pleased when our hearts turn toward Him in trust, even when the path ahead is unclear.

True faith believes that God is present and active, and that He responds to those who sincerely seek Him. It encourages us to keep praying, keep hoping, and keep walking forward—even when we do not yet see the results. Faith draws us closer to God and deepens our relationship with Him.

Today, take a step of faith. Seek God with confidence, knowing that He sees your heart and delights in your trust.

Prayer

Lord, help me to trust You fully and seek You with all my heart. Strengthen my faith and guide my steps today. Amen.



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3 January 2026

Psalm 147:11

The Lord Delights in Those Who Trust Him.

God takes delight in hearts that trust Him. Psalm 147:11 reminds us that the Lord is not impressed by strength, success, or achievements, but by humble reverence and confident hope in His faithful love. To fear the Lord is to honor Him, to stand in awe of who He is, and to place our lives in His hands.

When we choose to hope in God's unfailing love, we are declaring our dependence on Him rather than on ourselves. Even in uncertain times, our hope in God becomes a source of peace and strength. His delight rests on those who trust Him, no matter how small or weak they may feel.

Today, rest in the truth that God delights in you as you place your hope in Him. Let your heart be anchored in His faithful love.

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Prayer

Lord, I place my hope in Your unfailing love. Teach me to trust You and honor You with my life. Amen.



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4 January 2026

Proverbs 3:5

Trusting God with All Your Heart.

Trusting God fully is one of the greatest challenges of faith. Proverbs 3:5 calls us to place our confidence in the Lord, not partially, but with our whole heart. This means surrendering our need to control outcomes and admitting that God's wisdom is greater than our own.

Often, we rely on what we can see, understand, or figure out ourselves. But God invites us to step beyond human reasoning and rest in His guidance. When we choose to trust Him, even in uncertainty, He leads us on paths shaped by grace and purpose.

Today, release what you are holding tightly. Trust God with your decisions, your future, and your fears. He is faithful, and His ways are always good.

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Prayer

Lord, help me to trust You with all my heart. Teach me to rely on Your wisdom and follow Your leading. Amen.



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5 January 2026

Colossians 1:10.

Living a Life That Pleases the Lord.

God reminds us that our lives are meant to reflect His goodness and purpose. Colossians 1:10 encourages us to live in a way that honors the Lord—not through perfection, but through faithfulness. When we seek to please God, our lives naturally begin to bear fruit through love, kindness, and good works.

Growing in the knowledge of God is not just about learning more—it is about knowing Him more deeply. As we walk with Him daily, He shapes our character and strengthens our faith. A life that pleases the Lord is one that continues to grow, serve, and trust Him.

Today, ask God to help you live in a way that reflects His heart. Let your life bear fruit that brings glory to Him.

Prayer

Lord, help me to live a life worthy of You. Teach me to grow in knowing You and to bear good fruit in all I do. Amen.



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6 January 2026

Ephesians 5:10.

Seeking What Pleases the Lord.

God invites us into a daily journey of learning what truly pleases Him. Ephesians 5:10 reminds us that following Christ is not just about rules, but about a growing relationship where we seek God's heart and desire to walk in His ways.

As we live in the light of Christ, our choices, attitudes, and actions begin to reflect His character. Discovering what pleases the Lord requires listening, prayer, and a willingness to obey—even when it challenges us. Over time, God shapes our hearts to desire what He desires.

Today, ask God to guide your steps. Let your life be an ongoing response to His love as you seek to please Him in all you do.

Prayer

Lord, help me to understand what pleases You. Guide my choices and lead me in Your light today. Amen.



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7 January 2026

Psalm 37:5.

Committing Your Way to the Lord.

Life often feels uncertain, and it is easy to carry worries and plans on our own shoulders. Psalm 37:5 invites us to place our whole journey into God's hands. To commit our way to the Lord means to trust Him not only with the destination, but also with every step along the path.

When we surrender our plans and trust God's timing, we make room for Him to work in ways beyond our understanding. God is faithful to act on behalf of those who trust Him. Even when the way forward seems unclear, He is guiding, providing, and shaping our lives according to His purpose.

Today, choose to release control and place your path in God's care. Trust Him to lead you and to work all things for good.

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Prayer

Lord, I commit my way to You today. Help me to trust You and rest in Your guidance.
Amen.



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8 January 2026

Luke 11:28.

Blessed Through Hearing and Obeying God's Word.

God's Word is not meant to be heard only, but lived out. In Luke 11:28, Jesus reminds us that true blessing comes when we receive God's Word into our hearts and allow it to shape our lives. Hearing God's truth is important, but obedience is where faith becomes active.

Obeying God's Word does not mean perfection it means a willing heart that desires to follow Him. As we listen, trust, and respond to Scripture, God transforms us from the inside out. His Word guides us, strengthens our faith, and leads us into a life marked by peace and purpose.

Today, take time to listen to God's Word and ask Him how you can live it out. True blessing is found in walking in obedience to Him.

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Lord, help me to hear Your Word and live according to it. Shape my heart to walk in obedience and faith. Amen.



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9 January 2026

John 14:15.

Love That Obeys.

Jesus makes it clear that love for Him is more than words or emotions it is shown through obedience. In John 14:15, He connects love and obedience, reminding us that following His commands is a natural response to loving Him.

Obedience is not about earning God's favor, but about living in relationship with Him. When we love Jesus, our hearts desire to walk in His ways, even when it is challenging. His commands are given out of love, guiding us toward a life of freedom, peace, and purpose.

Today, reflect on how your love for Jesus is expressed in your daily choices. Ask Him to help you follow Him with a willing and loving heart.

Prayer

Lord Jesus, help me to show my love for You through obedience. Shape my heart to follow Your ways with joy. Amen.



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10 January 2026

1 Samuel 16:7.

God Looks at the Heart.

The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.

In a world that constantly measures worth by appearance, performance, and recognition, God's perspective is radically different. When Samuel was sent to anoint Israel's next king, even he was impressed by what he could see. Yet God reminded him—and us—that true value is not found on the surface.

God looks at the heart: our motives, humility, faith, and willingness to obey Him. This is both comforting and challenging. Comforting, because God sees beyond our flaws and failures. Challenging, because we cannot hide behind appearances. He invites us to cultivate hearts that seek Him sincerely.

Today, pause and ask: What does my heart look like before God? Rather than striving to impress others, may we focus on loving God deeply, trusting that He sees, knows, and values what truly matters.

Prayer

Lord, thank You that You see my heart and not just my outward actions. Search me, cleanse me, and shape my heart to please You. Help me to live for Your approval alone and to walk humbly before You. Amen.



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11 January 2026

Ephesians 5:2.

Walking in Love.

Ephesians 5:2 calls us to a daily way of living walking in love. This kind of love is not based on feelings or convenience, but on sacrifice. Jesus showed us what true love looks like when He gave Himself fully for us. His love was intentional, costly, and rooted in obedience to God.

To walk in love means allowing Christ's love to shape our actions, our words, and our attitudes. It means choosing forgiveness over bitterness, kindness over judgment, and service over self-interest. Love becomes our path, not just our response.

Today, reflect on how Christ has loved you. As you receive His grace, ask God to help you reflect that same love to others within your family, your community, and even to those who are difficult to love.

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Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank You for loving me with a sacrificial love. Help me to walk in that same love each day. Shape my heart, my words, and my actions so that they reflect You. Teach me to love others as You have loved me. Amen.



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12 January 2026

Matthew 6:33.

Seek First the Kingdom.

In a world full of worries, deadlines, and daily needs, Jesus gently redirects our focus. He does not deny that we have needs, but He teaches us where our priorities must begin. When we seek God first His kingdom, His will, and His righteousness we align our hearts with what truly matters.

Seeking God first means placing Him at the center of our decisions, time, and desires. It means trusting that He knows our needs even before we ask. This verse is not a promise of an easy life, but a promise of faithful provision when our hearts are anchored in Him.

Today, take a moment to examine what you are seeking most. When God becomes our first pursuit, peace replaces anxiety, and trust replaces fear. Everything else finds its proper place when we begin with Him.

.Prayer

Heavenly Father, help me to seek Your kingdom above all else. Align my heart with Your will and teach me to trust You with every need and concern. I choose to put You first today. Amen.



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13 January 2026

1 Peter 1:16.

Called to Be Holy.

This verse reminds us that holiness is not about perfection, but about belonging. God calls us to reflect His character in the way we live, think, and love. Holiness begins in the heart and is shaped daily as we choose obedience, humility, and faith.

Being holy means being set apart not to withdraw from the world, but to live differently within it. Through Jesus, we are made clean and given the Holy Spirit, who helps us grow into Christlikeness step by step. Holiness is a journey of grace, not a burden of rules.

Today, ask yourself where God is inviting you to reflect Him more clearly. As you draw closer to Him, He shapes you to become more like Him loving what He loves and walking in His truth.

Prayer.

Holy God, thank You for calling me to belong to You. Shape my heart and my life to reflect Your holiness. Help me to walk in obedience, guided by Your grace and Spirit. Amen.



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14 January 2026

Romans 12:1.

Living Worship.

Romans 12:1 invites us to rethink what worship truly means. Worship is not limited to songs we sing or prayers we speak; it is expressed through a life fully surrendered to God. Paul urges believers to offer themselves body, mind, and actions as a living sacrifice. Unlike sacrifices placed on an altar and consumed, this sacrifice is ongoing and active, lived out every day.

God does not ask for perfection, but for willingness. When we remember His mercy His forgiveness, grace, and love our response becomes one of gratitude and obedience. Everyday choices, habits, and attitudes can become acts of worship when they are offered to God. True worship happens when our lives align with His will.

Prayer.

Lord, thank You for Your great mercy toward me. I offer my life to You today—my thoughts, my actions, and my choices. Teach me to live in a way that honors You, and let my life be an act of worship. Help me to follow Your will with joy and gratitude. Amen.



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15 January 2026

Psalm 128:1 .

The Blessing of Walking with God.

Psalm 128:1 reminds us that true blessing is found in a life that honors God. To fear the Lord does recognizing His authority, goodness, and holiness, and choosing to live according to His ways. This kind of reverence is not driven by fear, but by love and trust in who God is.

Walking in God's ways is a daily journey. It shapes how we make decisions, treat others, and respond to challenges. The promise of this psalm is not that life will be without difficulty, but that God's blessing rests upon those who follow Him. A life rooted in obedience and faith leads to deep joy, peace, and purpose.

Prayer.

Lord, I desire to walk in Your ways. Teach me to honor You in my thoughts, my words, and my actions. Help me to trust You and follow You daily. May my life reflect reverence for You and bring glory to Your name. Amen.



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16 January 2026

Matthew 5:16.

Shine Your Light.

Matthew 5:16 encourages us to live visibly faithful lives. Jesus calls us not to hide our faith, but to let it shine through our actions. Our daily choices, kindness, integrity, and love can illuminate God's goodness to the world.

When our lives reflect Christ, it's not about drawing attention to ourselves, but pointing others to Him. Every small act of love or service can be a beacon that inspires and encourages others. God's glory is revealed when His light shines through ordinary lives in extraordinary ways.

Prayer.

Lord, help me to let my light shine today. May my words and actions reflect Your love and goodness. Use me to encourage others and bring glory to Your name. Teach me to live boldly for You in all that I do. Amen.



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17 January 2026

James 1:22.

Doers of the Word.

James 1:22 challenges us to put our faith into action. It's easy to listen to God's Word, attend church, or read devotionals, yet true transformation happens when we apply God's teachings in our daily lives.

Hearing without doing is like looking in a mirror and immediately forgetting your reflection. God calls us to live what we believe to love, serve, forgive, and walk in obedience. Each small act of faithfulness reflects God's Word and strengthens our witness to others. Let's be doers, not just listeners, so that our lives truly reflect Christ.

Prayer.

Lord, help me to not only hear Your Word but to live it every day. Give me the courage and wisdom to act in love, serve others, and obey You in all circumstances. Transform my faith into deeds that honor You. Amen.



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18 January 2026

Colossians 3:23.

Working for the Lord.

Colossians 3:23 reminds us that our daily work big or small matters to God when done with the right heart. It is easy to get discouraged or feel that our efforts are unnoticed, but God sees every act of diligence, love, and integrity.

Working as for the Lord changes our perspective. Chores, jobs, studies, and service become acts of worship when our motivation is to honor God rather than seek human approval. This mindset transforms ordinary tasks into opportunities to glorify Him and reflect His character in the world around us.

Prayer.

Lord, help me to work wholeheartedly in everything I do. Let my efforts honor You, not for human praise, but as an offering of love and service to You. Teach me to see each task as a chance to glorify Your name. Amen.



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19 January 2026

Psalm 149:4.

God Delights in His People.

Psalm 149:4 reminds us of God's deep love and delight in His people. He doesn't just save us; He rejoices over us and honors those who walk humbly before Him. Salvation is not merely a transaction it's God's gift that transforms and adorns our lives with His grace.

Humility opens our hearts to receive God's blessings. When we rely on His strength rather than our own, He lifts us, equips us, and fills us with His joy. Knowing that God delights in us can give confidence, peace, and hope, even in difficult times. We are not overlooked; we are cherished by the Creator Himself.

Prayer.

Lord, thank You for delighting in me and for the gift of salvation. Help me to walk humbly before You and trust in Your guidance. Fill my heart with joy, confidence, and hope as I remember that I am loved and cherished by You. Amen.



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20 January 2026

Galatians 5:16.

Walking by the Spirit.

Galatians 5:16 reminds us that a life of faith is a daily journey of reliance on the Holy Spirit. Our natural desires often pull us in directions that lead to frustration, selfishness, or sin, but walking by the Spirit aligns our hearts and choices with God's will.

Walking in the Spirit doesn't mean we won't face challenges or temptations, but it empowers us to respond in love, patience, and self-control. As we cultivate intimacy with God through prayer, Scripture, and obedience, the Spirit produces fruit in our lives guiding us away from destructive desires and toward God's goodness.

Prayer.

Lord, help me to walk by Your Spirit today. Strengthen me to resist harmful desires and guide my heart toward love, patience, and self-control. Fill me with Your Spirit so that my life reflects Your goodness and brings glory to Your name. Amen.



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21 January 2026

Matthew 22:37.

Loving God with Everything.

In Matthew 22:37, Jesus reveals the greatest commandment: wholehearted love for God. This kind of love is not partial or occasional it involves every part of who we are. Our heart represents our desires, our soul our devotion, and our mind our thoughts and understanding. God invites us into a relationship that engages our entire being.

Loving God fully shapes how we live, choose, and relate to others. It affects our priorities, our time, and our values. While we may fall short, God's grace meets us as we grow in love and obedience. Each day is an opportunity to deepen our love for Him through prayer, worship, service, and trust.

Prayer.

Lord, help me to walk by Your Spirit today. Strengthen me to resist harmful desires and guide my heart toward love, patience, and self-control. Fill me with Your Spirit so that my life reflects Your goodness and brings glory to Your name. Amen.



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22 January 2026

Psalm 119:2.

Wholeheartedly Seeking God.

Psalm 119:2 reminds us that true blessing is found in a wholehearted pursuit of God. Seeking the Lord is more than an occasional effort; it is a daily commitment to know Him, trust His Word, and follow His ways. God desires not a divided heart, but one fully turned toward Him.

When we seek God with our whole heart, His Word becomes our guide and foundation. Obedience flows from love, not obligation. Even in seasons of uncertainty, those who earnestly seek the Lord discover His faithfulness, peace, and direction. God honors a sincere heart that longs for Him.

Prayer.

Lord, I desire to seek You with my whole heart. Draw me closer to You and help me to walk in obedience to Your Word. Let my life be guided by Your truth, and may I find joy and blessing in knowing You more deeply. Amen.



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23 January 2026

Colossians 3:15.

Let the Peace of Christ Rule.

Colossians 3:15 reminds us that the peace Christ gives is meant to guide and govern our hearts. This peace is not the absence of problems, but the presence of Christ in the midst of them. When His peace rules, it acts like an inner compass, helping us make decisions rooted in faith rather than fear.

We are also reminded that we are called into one body—unity matters to God. Peace grows when we choose forgiveness, patience, and gratitude toward one another. A thankful heart helps us recognize God's work even in difficult seasons. When we allow Christ's peace to reign, our lives become a testimony of His grace and love.

Prayer.

Lord Jesus, let Your peace rule in my heart today. Guard my thoughts and guide my decisions. Help me to live in unity with others and to walk in gratitude, trusting You in every circumstance. Amen.



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24 January 2026

Deuteronomy 6:18.

Choosing What Is Right in the Lord's Eyes.

Deuteronomy 6:18 calls God's people to live with integrity and obedience. Doing what is right and good in the Lord's eyes means aligning our actions with His character and commands, even when it is difficult or unpopular. God's standards are rooted in love, justice, and faithfulness.

This verse also reminds us that obedience brings blessing. While God's grace is freely given, choosing to walk in His ways leads to a life marked by peace, purpose, and spiritual fruitfulness. Trusting God's wisdom over our own opens the door to His promises and guidance. When we seek to please Him above all else, we experience the goodness of His plans.

Prayer.

Lord, help me to do what is right and good in Your eyes. Guide my choices and shape my heart according to Your will. Teach me to trust Your ways and walk in obedience, knowing that You desire what is best for me. Amen.



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25 January 2026

Psalm 100:2.

Serving the Lord with Joy.

Psalm 100:2 reminds us that our service to God is meant to flow from joy, not obligation. God invites us into His presence with gladness, where worship becomes a celebration of who He is and what He has done. Joyful service reflects a heart that recognizes God's goodness and faithfulness.

Serving the Lord with gladness does not mean life is always easy, but it means choosing joy rooted in trust. When we remember God's love and salvation, our work, worship, and daily responsibilities become expressions of gratitude. A joyful heart honors God and draws others toward Him.

Prayer.

Lord, thank You for inviting me into Your presence. Fill my heart with joy as I serve You. Help me to worship You with gladness and to live each day in gratitude for Your goodness. Amen.



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26 January 2026

Psalm 37:23.

Directed by the Lord.

Psalm 37:23 reminds us that God is actively involved in guiding the lives of those who trust Him. When we delight in the Lord and seek His will, He orders our steps with purpose and care. Our journey is not random; it is directed by a faithful God who knows the way ahead.

Even when the path seems uncertain, we can walk with confidence, knowing that God is establishing each step. Delight in the Lord means trusting His character and finding joy in following Him. As we surrender our plans to Him, He leads us according to His wisdom and love.

Prayer.

Lord, thank You for guiding my steps. Help me to delight in You and trust Your direction, even when I cannot see the whole path. Lead me according to Your will, and establish my steps in Your truth. Amen.



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27 January 2026

John 15:9.

Abiding in Christ's Love.

John 15:9 reveals the depth and certainty of Christ's love for us. Jesus loves us with the same love He receives from the Father a love that is constant, faithful, and unchanging. He invites us not just to receive this love, but to remain in it, to live from it every day.

To abide in Christ's love means to trust Him, stay close to Him, and shape our lives around His words and ways. When we remain in His love, fear loses its power, and our hearts find rest. From this place of love, we are empowered to love others with grace and truth.

Prayer.

Jesus, thank You for loving me with such perfect love. Help me to abide in Your love daily and to trust You fully. Let Your love shape my thoughts, actions, and relationships. Amen.



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28 January 2026

Proverbs 9:10.

The Beginning of True Wisdom.

Proverbs 9:10 teaches us that wisdom begins with a right relationship with God. To fear the Lord is not to live in dread, but to approach Him with reverence, awe, and humility. It is recognizing God as holy, trustworthy, and supreme, and allowing that truth to shape how we live.

True wisdom is not merely knowledge or experience it flows from knowing God. As we grow in our understanding of who He is, our decisions become clearer, our priorities align, and our lives reflect His character. When God is honored first, wisdom follows.

Prayer.

Lord, teach me to fear You with reverence and love. Help me to grow in wisdom by knowing You more deeply. Guide my thoughts and choices so that my life reflects Your truth and holiness. Amen.



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29 January 2026

2 Corinthians 5:7.

Walking by Faith.

2 Corinthians 5:7 reminds us that the Christian life is a journey of trust. Walking by faith means relying on God's promises even when circumstances are unclear or challenging. It calls us to look beyond what we can see and place our confidence in who God is and what He has spoken.

Faith does not ignore reality, but it chooses to believe that God is at work beyond our understanding. When we walk by faith, we surrender control and allow God to lead our steps. In uncertain seasons, faith gives us courage, peace, and hope, knowing that God's plans are good and His presence is constant.

Prayer.

Lord, help me to walk by faith and not by sight. Strengthen my trust in You when the path feels uncertain. Teach me to rely on Your promises and follow Your leading each day.
Amen.



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30 January 2026

1 Corinthians 16:14.

Let Love Guide Everything.

1 Corinthians 16:14 gives us a simple yet powerful guide for daily living: love. Every action, word, and decision is meant to be shaped by love that reflects Christ's heart. This kind of love goes beyond feelings; it is a choice to act with patience, kindness, humility, and grace.

When love becomes our motivation, our relationships change, our service deepens, and our witness grows stronger. Love helps us respond with compassion instead of anger and generosity instead of selfishness. As we rely on God's love within us, even ordinary moments become opportunities to reflect His character.

Prayer.

Lord, help me to let love guide everything I do. Fill my heart with Your love so that my words and actions honor You and bless others. Teach me to live each day in patience, kindness, and grace. Amen.



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31 January 2026

1 John 2:17.

Living for What Lasts Forever.

1 John 2:17 reminds us of the temporary nature of this world. Its pleasures, successes, and desires fade with time, but God's will stands eternal. This verse invites us to examine where we place our focus and what we value most.

Choosing to do God's will means living with an eternal perspective. When we align our lives with God's purposes loving others, walking in obedience, and trusting Him we invest in what will never pass away. A life centered on God brings lasting meaning, hope, and peace beyond the changing circumstances of this world.

Prayer.

Lord, help me to live with my eyes fixed on eternity. Teach me to seek Your will above temporary desires. Guide my heart and actions so that my life reflects what truly lasts forever. Amen.



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