

## 5 Day Devotional for the week of October 5, 2025

This five day devotional will be taking a deeper dive into the sermon from this weekend. We'll explore the essence of walking in the Spirit, relying on divine guidance in our daily lives, and nurturing our connection with God. Each day, we'll reflect upon scriptures and learn practical ways to live a Spirit-led life.

### Day 1

*Romans 1:9* God, whom I serve in my spirit in preaching the gospel of His Son, is my witness how constantly I remember you

Today's devotional explores the concept of serving God in the Spirit as discussed in Romans 1:9. This service extends beyond mere mental agreement with God's teachings; it's about cultivating a vibrant spiritual connection. In modern culture, we often find ourselves giving only intellectual assent to God's word. But true service comes from deep within our spirit, engaging wholly with divine guidance and allowing God to work through us in profound ways.

This spiritual service involves a mindful effort to ensure our actions align with God's will, allowing His Spirit to lead in each aspect of our lives. As we embark on this devotional, let us commit to embracing this divine guidance, ensuring our lives are a testimony to God's working Spirit. By doing so, we align ourselves more closely with His purpose, experiencing the peace and fulfillment that flows from a life led by the Spirit.

- Reflect on areas in your life where you might be giving only mental assent rather than spiritual service.
- How can you deepen your spiritual connection in your daily activities?
- In what ways have you seen the Spirit guide you in the past?
- Pray for a heart that seeks to serve God in Spirit and truth.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal areas in your life that need closer alignment with His will.

### Day 2

*Galatians 5:16-18* <sup>16</sup> So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever <sup>[a]</sup> you want. <sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

As we focus on Galatians 5:16-18 today, we delve into the struggle between the flesh and the Spirit. Walking in the Spirit requires conscious decisions that prioritize spiritual pursuits over fleshly desires. This passage encourages us to resist fulfilling the flesh's desires by being led by the Spirit, illustrating how living a Spirit-led life frees us from bondage to the flesh and adherence to the law.

In its essence, walking in the Spirit means choosing God's guidance over worldly temptations, allowing His power to manifest through us daily. This journey involves continuous reliance on the Spirit's wisdom to overcome internal and external conflicts. Let this day be a time to invite the Holy Spirit's influence and to practice recognizing His gentle nudges towards righteousness.

- Identify any patterns of behavior that are driven by the flesh and not the Spirit.
- Consider how you generally respond to the Spirit's prompting.
- What areas of your life are not yet surrendered to the Holy Spirit?
- Pray for strength and discernment to overcome the desires of the flesh.
- Invite the Holy Spirit to guide your daily decisions.

### **Day 3**

*John 15:5* I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in Me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing.

In today's devotional based on John 15:5, we explore what it means to abide in Christ and how it connects to living in the Spirit. Jesus as the vine provides the sustenance we need to bear spiritual fruit. Without remaining in Him, our spiritual lives wilt, unable to produce the good works God desires from us. Abiding in Christ is a continual process where we open ourselves to His nourishing presence.

When we stay connected to Jesus, His Spirit infuses life into our spirits, enabling us to produce lasting fruit that exemplifies His love and power. This abiding relationship transforms our hearts, equipping us to serve others with the fullness of His Spirit. Seek to deepen your connection to Christ, drawing upon His endless reserves of strength and wisdom.

- How does your current connection to Christ reflect in your life?
- What steps can you take to improve your spiritual connection to Jesus?
- Reflect on a time when abiding in Christ made a difference in your life.
- Pray for continuous reliance on Christ, the true vine.
- Thank God for the sustenance and guidance He provides through His Son.

## Day 4

*Matthew 22:37-38* <sup>37</sup> Jesus replied: ““Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>38</sup> This is the first and greatest commandment.

On the fourth day, we reflect on Matthew 22:37-38, where we are called to love God with all our heart, soul, and mind. This wholehearted devotion anchors our walk in the Spirit, empowering us to fulfill His commandments with love and integrity. It teaches us that true worship involves every facet of our being, fostering an environment where the Holy Spirit can thrive within us.

Loving God wholly signifies a commitment that's beyond ritualistic practices; it is an all-encompassing relationship that transforms everything we do. As we engage our mind, soul, and heart in loving service, we open ourselves to the Spirit's transformative work, enabling us to reflect God's love more fully in the world.

- Evaluate areas of your life where your love for God could grow stronger.
- How can you integrate love for God into your daily life?
- What obstacles hinder your ability to love God with all your soul, mind, and heart?
- Seek God's help to enhance your love for Him and others.
- Pray for spiritual insight to identify and overcome barriers to loving God completely.

## Day 5

*2 Peter 1:3-4* <sup>3</sup> His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of Him who called us by his own glory and goodness. <sup>4</sup> Through these He has given us His very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

Today's devotional concludes with reflections from 2 Peter 1:3-4, focusing on the divine power that equips us for life and godliness. Through His great and precious promises, we become participants in the divine nature, a miraculous transformation made possible by the Spirit's dwelling within us. This passage reassures us of God's generous provision, enabling us to live victoriously against the world's corrupt influences.

As children of God, we are encouraged to rely on His power, recognizing that our spiritual resources are limitless when rooted in Christ. This understanding liberates us to walk confidently in our faith, bearing witness to the incredible power at work within us, transforming our lives and the lives of those around us.

- Do you trust in God's promises and power to lead you to a godly life?

- In what areas do you need to rely more on His divine power?
- How have you witnessed God's transformative power in your life?
- Pray for strength to embrace God's promises and live by His divine power.
- Seek a deeper understanding and reliance on the Spirit's work within you.