

5 Day Devotional for the week of February 22, 2026

This week's five-day devotional will be taking a deeper dive into the sermon from this weekend. Together, we will explore the importance of developing a Christlike character to support the gifts that God has bestowed upon us. We will focus on walking by the Spirit and aligning our desires with those of God.

Day 1

Scripture: Romans 12:1-2 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. ² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

In Romans 12, Paul reminds us of the importance of presenting ourselves as living sacrifices, holy and acceptable to God. This act of surrender is fundamental to transforming our minds and renewing our spirits. By aligning with God's will, we allow ourselves to be reshaped into vessels of His love and purpose. This foundational change is crucial for operating the gifts that God has granted us.

Understanding that our purpose is to serve others with our gifts is pivotal. Without this, our efforts can become selfish and self-centered. The focus is always on the transformation powered by the Holy Spirit to exhibit authentic love and Christlike character. When we surrender to God's plan, we embrace a life that is ruled not by our flesh but by His Spirit.

- How can you present yourself as a living sacrifice to God today?
- In what ways does your mind need renewing to align more closely with God's will?
- What specific gifts has God given you, and how can you use them to serve others?

- Pray for a spirit of surrender and openness to God's will.
- Ask God to help you use your gifts in love and service to others.

Day 2

Scripture: Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

The fruit of the Spirit, as detailed in Galatians 5, emphasizes the characteristics that should be evident in the life of a believer: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. These fruits are the natural outcomes of a life surrendered to God and are crucial for effective ministry.

These qualities not only highlight our transformation but also act as safeguards against the misuse of spiritual gifts. Operating within the Spirit requires that we cultivate these fruits,

allowing them to manifest in our daily lives. They build our character and ensure that the gifts we possess are used in a manner worthy of our calling.

- Which fruit of the Spirit do you struggle with the most in your daily life?
- How does each fruit of the Spirit reflect Christ's character?
- What steps can you take to cultivate these fruits within your life?

- Ask God to increase the fruit of the Spirit in your life.
- Pray for the wisdom to use your gifts responsibly and with love.

Day 3

Scripture: 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 John 15, Jesus describes Himself as the vine and believers as the branches, emphasizing the necessity of abiding in Him to bear fruit. It is through this connection to the vine that we access strength and life, enabling us to cultivate the fruit of the Spirit and utilize our spiritual gifts effectively.

This abiding relationship requires intentional time in God's presence, through prayer, worship, and scripture. As we remain in Him, His words remain in us, transforming and aligning us with His purpose. The result is a fruitful life that glorifies God and blesses others through the gifts He has placed within us.

- What steps can you take to abide more deeply in Christ this week?
- In what ways have you seen yourself bearing fruit as a result of this connection?
- How does staying connected to Christ affect the way you use your spiritual gifts?

- Pray for a deeper connection with Christ, the true vine.
- Seek guidance on how to remain in Him daily.

Day 4

Scripture: Philippians 2:5-7 ⁵In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: ⁶Who, being in very nature^[a] God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; ⁷rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature^[b] of a servant, being made in human likeness.

Philippians reminds us of the humility and servant heart of Christ, urging us to let the same mind be in us that was in Jesus. Christ's life is the ultimate example of humility and servitude, and it is in this imitation that we find true fulfillment of our gifts.

Being gifted is not about pursuing personal glory but about serving others as Christ did. Embracing His mindset means walking in selflessness and letting His light shine through us,

transforming our gifts into blessings for those around us. This Christlike mentality ensures that the platform of our gifts remains grounded in His love.

- How can you adopt a more Christlike attitude in your daily interactions?
- What changes do you need to make to reflect Christ's humility in your life?
- How does adopting Christ's mindset impact the way you use your gifts?

- Pray for a heart of humility and a mind like Christ's.
- Ask God to help you serve others selflessly with your gifts.

Day 5

Scripture: Ephesians 4:1-3 As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. ² Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. ³ Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

Paul urges believers in Ephesians 4 to walk worthy of the calling they have received, by maintaining unity through peace. This calling is not only a personal journey but a collective one, as we strive to build the body of Christ together through our diverse gifts.

The gifts we possess are meant to foster unity and maturity among the believers. By striving to maintain peace, we create an environment where each person's gift is valued and contributes to the growth of the church as a whole. This harmony reflects the unity and peace that originates from Christ Himself.

- How are you contributing to the unity of your church community?
- In what ways can you use your gifts to promote peace and unity?
- What does it mean to walk worthy of your calling in your daily life?

- Pray for a spirit of unity and peace within your community.
- Ask God to guide you in walking worthy of your calling.