



Weekly Devotions & Study Guides

“A Full Tank and An Open Road

Monday, November 16 Read Psalm 138

In his best moments, David (to whom this psalm is attributed) lived joyously and confidently in the knowledge of God’s presence. It should be noted that his greatest failures occurred, like ours, when he decided to go his own way. The proper response to such Divine faithfulness is praise, focused priorities (worship) and proclamation. How do you tangibly respond to God’s faithfulness? _____

What does your life and attitude say about God’s place in your daily activities? _____

Tuesday November 17 Read Zephaniah 1:7; 12-18

Honestly, this is a rather frightening and depressing prophecy! However, look closely at v.12. What is the behavior that provokes God’s punishment here? _____

It is interesting to compare this with the condemnation in Revelation 3:15-17. What might these situations say to attitudes in our own time? _____

Wednesday, November 18 Read Matthew 25:14-30

Perhaps the most well-known aspect of the parable of the talents is the command to make use of what we’ve been given. Yet another facet is the importance of using our talents *now*, as the master is coming back and there will be a reckoning! What are some excuses we use to put off committing ourselves to risky discipleship?

Why are we often hesitant or fearful?

Sermon notes for

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November 15, 2020

- 1. Thankfulness can be thought of as a concrete response to being grateful.**
 - A. Thankful people strive to do no harm.**
 - B. Thankful people try to do good.**
 - C. Thankful people stay in love with God.**
- 2. Thankfulness is a timely expression of love and nurtures a deeper relationship**

Thursday, November 19 Read 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

The church at Thessaloniki became overly focused on signs of the end times and, as such, ceased functioning as evangelists and disciple-makers. Paul reminds them that we won't have time to prepare so we need to be found living our faith and worship. Not the "therefore" in v.11. What does this tell us about how we are to live in readiness for Christ's return? _____

What does it suggest about your own readiness? _____

Friday, November 20 Read 90:1-8

Historically attributed to Moses, this psalm was seen as both reminder and warning: we don't have that long here and we need to be spending our priceless time on the things demanded by an awesome God. Meditate on vv.11-12. How do we properly fear the Lord and how- specifically- can counting our days increase wisdom? _____

Saturday, November 21 Read Psalm 123

A servant's every action is shaped around pleasing and doing the will of his or her master. In what ways are we sometimes guilty of cultivating a perspective in which God serves our wants and perceived needs? _____

Moreover, we know that meeting the world's demands is a fruitless pursuit. What do you think God's mercy looks like in terms of rightly understanding our wants and needs? _____

Discuss this with God in prayer today.

An Exercise in Thankfulness...

Knowing yourself, list three ways this week you can avoid doing harm as a way of expressing your thankfulness to God:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

What are three ways you can proactively do good for others this week:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

How are you cultivating a love for God by "attending to His ordinances?"