

MONDAY 07.20.26 - Matthew 6:24

When we are right with the Lord and serve Him wholeheartedly, we are rewarded with indescribable joy, peace and harmony for we are in union with Jesus. In contrast, when our lives are focused on worldly pursuits and pleasures, it is impossible to have peace with God, and we are in conflict with ourselves. Scripture warns us repeatedly against trying to serve both God and man. Jesus said that a house divided against itself cannot stand (Matt. 12:25). We are double-minded and under stress from vacillating between belief and doubts. We cannot produce spiritual fruit because we lack the love of God, and our words become cacophonous like “a resounding gong or a clanging symbol” (I Cor. 13:1). For peace with the Lord and peace in our own hearts, we should strive to be like Paul when he asserted, “For me to live is Christ. . .”(Phil. 1:21a). What a difference that makes!

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

TUESDAY 07.21.26 - 1 Timothy 4:7-8

Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives’ tales; rather, train yourself to be godly. For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.

For many of us we probably have a daily routine focused on keeping us physically fit. We may not want to be Olympic athletes, but we want to look and feel good. But what about our spiritual bodies? Are you as concerned about being spiritually fit as you are about being physically fit? Do you have a daily routine in place to see that you are staying in good spiritual condition? There are numerous plans for keeping us physically fit but only one for keeping us spiritually fit. That plan is as follows. Having a daily plan of spending time in God’s Word, spending time alone with God in prayer and asking God to give you wisdom and courage to live your life in a way that will be pleasing to him. If you follow this plan, you will be on your way to being spiritually fit. Why not get started today?

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

WEDNESDAY 07.22.26 - 2 Peter 1:5-11

God graciously supplies believers with all they need to live a godly life, but His children must apply themselves and embrace His precious promises as found in Scripture. Spiritual growth is not automatic. It requires cooperation with God and the application of spiritual diligence and discipline. As Paul reminds us to “work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you” (Philippians 2:12-13). It is not enough for the Christian to “let go and let God,” as though spiritual growth was God’s work alone. The Lord and the believer must work together.

Peter lists seven characteristics of the godly life, but we shouldn’t think of them as stages or successive rungs to climb. Rather, these virtues are to be developed simultaneously. In other words, we develop one quality as we exercise another quality. They grow out of life and out of a vital fellowship with Christ.

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

THURSDAY 07.23.26 - Proverbs 1:1-5

This passage sounds like an old Superman introduction: “Faster than a speeding bullet, more powerful than a locomotive, able to leap tall buildings in a single bound...
” The way Solomon introduces wisdom almost makes it sound like a superpower.
He’s explaining Proverbs’ purpose: to help us know wisdom, understand truth, receive instruction, and grow in discernment.

Then in verse 5 he says, “Let the wise hear and increase in learning.” Wisdom grows as we listen and continue learning from what God has revealed.

But don’t miss the point: it’s not merely about knowing the words on the page—it’s about allowing God’s truth to shape the way we live. Biblical wisdom is truth received from God and lived out in reverent obedience to Him.

Pray that as you study God’s Word, He would give you ears to hear, hearts to receive, and a growing desire to live wisely for His glory.

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FRIDAY 07.24.26 - Psalm 1

Psalm 1 compares the life of the righteous man to the life of the wicked. As believers we desire to be righteous, to have a close relationship with the Lord. Verse 6a states that the Lord guards the path of the godly. That’s something every believer prays for: God’s protection. Psalm 1 provides us with the answer to the question, “What does the path of the godly look like?” We all want to be like those trees along the river, bearing fruit in every season of life, but how? The psalmist calls believers to get to know God through his Word; meditate on it; delight in it; do what it says. By doing so we can avoid the dangers of following the wicked into sinful behaviors. The more we learn of God through his word, the more trust and desire to obey. That is spiritual maturity.

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E2 GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY MORNING LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

Began June 7th - 9:40am in Room 2

Ecclesiastes: "Finding Meaning When Life Feel Meaningless"

By Lydia Brownback.

This 10-week study helps women understand the themes of sin, vanity, enjoyment, and death, ultimately encouraging believers to follow the will of God for their lives, no matter their current circumstances.

SUNDAY MORNINGS - 9:40am

Kids	CHILDREN'S CHURCH (Ages 4 – 4th Grade) LOCATION: Camp Shiloh on the Lower Level NURSERY (through Age 3) *9:40AM ONLY LOCATION: Camp Shiloh on the Lower Level
Youth	E2 CLASS (5th – 12th Grade) LOCATION: Youth Activity Center (across street)
Adults	SUMMER QUARTER - Sunday Mornings LOCATION: B8-10 - June 7 th - August 30 th EXPLORE THE BIBLE: Joshua; Judges; Ruth By studying these books, we see that God is still at work, raising leaders from the most unlikely places. We are challenged to reserve our loyalty for our ultimate Leader. Teachers: Joel Day & Lane Kemler

SUNDAY EVENINGS - 6:00pm

Youth	ON SUMMER BREAK
Adults	Worship Center

MEN'S BREAKFAST

August 15th at 8:00am in the FAC
Sign up at the Welcome Center

TO SIGN UP OR REQUEST MORE INFORMATION FOR ANY OF THESE GROUPS OR CLASSES,
USE THE CONNECTION CARD IN THE BULLETIN. THANK YOU.

2 Peter 1:1-4
Everything You Need

Knowledge is a key concept in the Book of Second Peter.

Chapter 1–The R_____ of Spiritual Knowledge

Chapter 2–The R_____ of Spiritual Knowledge

Chapter 3–The R_____ of Spiritual Knowledge

False teachers claim that knowledge of God comes from:

- I _____
- C _____
- L _____
- M _____
- A _____

How do you gain a knowledge of God? How do you come to know Him? The answer is: Through the Word of God! That's how God communicates and speaks to us today (cf. 2 Peter 3:2).

Three Steps To Know God Through His Word (cf. Joshua 1:8):

1. R _____
2. R _____
3. R _____

- A: Is there an Attitude to adjust?
P: Is there a Promise to claim?
P: Is there a Priority to change?
L: Is there a Lesson to learn?
I: Is there an Issue to resolve?
C: Is there a Command to obey?
A: Is there an Activity to avoid or stop?
T: Is there a Truth to believe?
I: Is there an Idol to tear down?
O: Is there an Offense to forgive?
N: Is there a New direction to take?
S: Is there a Sin to confess?

E2 Edifying and Equipping Every Day

TAKING OUR NEXT STEP TOGETHER IN THE WORD



July 20 - July 24

INTRODUCTION:

Part of our purpose and strategy as a church is to Edify and Equip (E2) every believer. We desire to see every person take their next step with God, both individually as well as with families and small groups (E2 Communities). This devotional is to aid us in just that. We invite you to join us in daily devotion.

OVERVIEW:

Sunday, July 19th, we will hear a message from 2 Peter 1:1-4; "Everything You Need". Sunday, July 26th, our message will be from 2 Peter 1:5-11, "The Right Ingredients".

KEY/MEMORY VERSE:

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. 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.

2 Peter 1:3-4