

## Faithful or Fickle?

Even so must their wives be grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things.

*1 Timothy 3:11*

What characteristics do we see about this godly woman?

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Think about all the things that God has entrusted you with: your family, your job, your salvation, your ministry, your physical health, your gifts, your talents, your time, your treasure, and so much more! Now, think about all the things that bog you down: your family, your job, your salvation, your ministry, your physical health, your gifts, your talents, your time, your treasure, and so much more! Isn't it ironic that the very things that God has entrusted us with are the same things that can cause us stress, heartache, pain, and the feeling of being overwhelmed? So, what do we do? 1 Timothy 3 lays out requirements for bishops and deacons, but also provides insight into traits of a Godly woman.

## Defining Faithfulness

Let's start by defining the word faithful. I have abbreviated it below:  
Constant in the performing of duties or services; exact in attending to commands; not fickle.

In order to be Faithful, we need to know:

\_\_\_\_\_ the command

\_\_\_\_\_ to perform it God's way

How do we live up to this call?

We must remember \_\_\_\_\_ called us! (1 Thessalonians 5:24)

We must remember His \_\_\_\_\_! (Philippians 1:6, 2:13)

**"I must allow God to mold and shape me; to fulfill the call to be faithful in all things! I cannot do this in my own strength!"**

## Being Faithful

Being faithful in all things and matters because we have a reckoning!

### Read Matthew 25:19

<sup>19</sup> After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and \_\_\_\_\_ with them.

**Reckon means** “to state an account with another, compare it with his account, ascertain the amount of each and the balance which one owes to the other.” The reality is that we are all accountable for our talents!

### Read Matthew 25: 14-28

<sup>21</sup> His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a \_\_\_\_\_, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

The master says that these are a few things. In light of our eternal responsibilities, all the things we are stewards over now are considered few!

“Think about how big eternity will be! Will you be a faithful steward?”

Memory Verse 1 Timothy 3:11

## Daily In The Word

Reflect on this week's lesson. What are some key areas the Lord convicted you about?

### Read Titus 2

Have you ever found yourself in this trap of comparison with other Christian ladies? Create a special prayer to address your convictions of comparing and competing with others.

### Read 2 Corinthians 10:12

"For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise."

Can you think of some ways to learn from, but not compare yourself to, a woman of faith? Please jot them down below:

Write out your memory verse, 1 Timothy 3:11 below.

## DAY 2

### *Daily In The Word*

*Read Philippians 1: 6. & Philippians 2: 13*

Why is it important that we remember these verses when we consider being faithful in all things?

*Read Psalm 138: 8. Hebrews 12: 1-2 & 13:20-21. 2 Timothy 3: 16-17*

What are some things God teaches about our perfection?

Is it possible for us to be biblically faithful without God working in us?

Read the following verses about God's faithfulness. Jot down at least two things that you learned and how you might apply what you have learned in being faithful and not fickle.

*Psalm 36:5. 1 Corinthians 1:9. 2 Thessalonians 3:3. 2 Timothy 2:13.*

## *Daily In The Word*

*Read Matthew 25: 20*

Notice that the servant knows how many talents he had. Take time to prayerfully consider the talents (gifts, advantages, opportunities) the Lord has given you. Write them out below and note how you might use each one for the Lord.

*Read Matthew 25: 14*

Notice whose talents are! They are the Lord's! Prayerfully consider your list above and think about whether the Lord gets the best of you or what's left of you? Remember, they are all His talents! Write down the areas you are doing well and the areas that need prayer below.

## DAY 4

### *Daily In The Word*

Fickle is the opposite of faithful.

*Read James 1: 8*

How does this verse relate to being fickle?

Slothful is the opposite of faithful.

*Read Proverbs 15: 19 & 21: 25 & 26: 14. Romans 12: 11*

What do these verses teach us about being slothful?

Prayerfully consider areas in which you are fickle and/or slothful. In what areas do you need to allow the Lord to work on your heart?

Based on this reflection, what is your prayer?

## DAY 5

### *Daily In The Word*

*Read Luke 19: 13-24*

In verse 21, why does the wicked servant say he kept the pound in a napkin?

Read these verses about fear.

*Exodus 20: 19-20 . Romans 8: 15 . 1 John 4: 18*

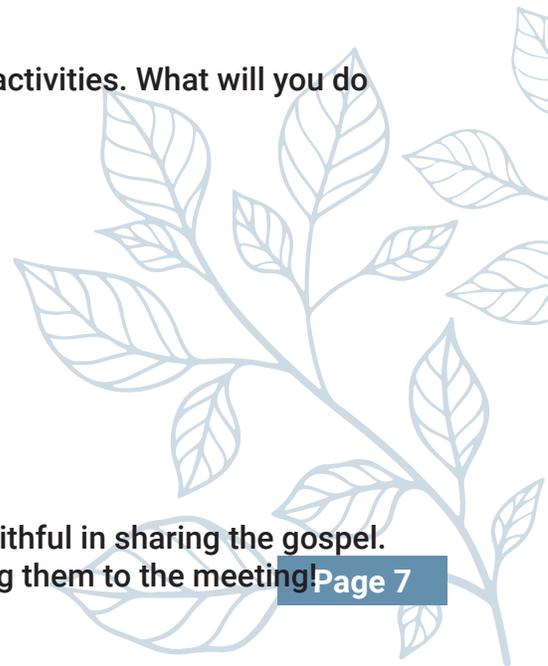
What did you learn from them?

Are there areas that you struggle to be faithful instead of fearful?

Are you committed to working towards faithfulness? What do you see as your barriers to doing so? What can you ask God to help you with today in order to be faithful?

Reflect on this lesson and the Daily In The Word lesson at-home activities. What will you do in response to what you have learned?

Remember, next time we meet we will be discussing how to be faithful in sharing the gospel. If you have tools that you use to do this, please remember to bring them to the meeting **Page 7**



## The Gospel

Even so must their wives be grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things.

*1 Timothy 3:11*

The Bible tells us that a godly woman would be faithful in all things. Let's remind ourselves of the definition of faithful: Constant in the performing of duties or services; exact in attending to commands; not fickle. It is almost comical to think about all the things we are required to be faithful in. We ought to just keep a running list of responsibilities and prayerfully consider how we ought to be faithful in them. What a daunting task! This week, we will consider how to be faithful in sharing the gospel.

## Sharing The Gospel

What does God commands are given about sharing the gospel?

*Read Matthew 28: 19-20*

What three distinct commands in continuing the work in Matthew 28:

\_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_

A sweet reminder whilst we are left to be faithful: we are not alone! Although Jesus would be leaving, he promised that the Comforter would come in His stead!

*Read John 14: 16-18. 26*

<sup>16</sup> And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another \_\_\_\_\_ , that he may abide with you for ever;

<sup>17</sup> Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth \_\_\_\_\_ , and shall be in you.

<sup>18</sup> I will not leave you \_\_\_\_\_ : I will come to you...

<sup>26</sup> But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. "

" Are you constant in the performing of this duty? Are you exact in attending to this command? Or are you like me...fickle? "

## The Great Commission

### Go and Teach

#### Read Acts 1:8

<sup>8</sup> But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be \_\_\_\_\_ unto me both in Jerusalem (City), and in all Judaea (State), and in Samaria (Country), and unto the uttermost part of the earth. (The Whole World)

**What are we to teach?** Read **Roman 10:13-15** and write your response below.

### Baptize

As part of the great commission, Jesus Christ ensures that we understand that biblical baptism is part of the command.

1. Baptism is a public profession of an inward commitment to Jesus.
2. Baptism is full immersion of a born-again believer. (**Matthew 3:13-17**)

### Observe All Things

Salvation is not the endplay, it is the beginning!

#### Read John 15:16 & Ephesians 4:14

The ultimate goal in faithfully fulfilling Matthew 28:19-20 is to bring your fruit to a point where she can also fulfill Matthew 28:19-20 faithfully!

This is how the entire uttermost parts can be reached! God's very clear pattern is for us to preach the gospel, get them plugged into a biblical local church, and teach them to do the same!

**"In the command of sharing the gospel are you faithful or fickle?"**

**Matthew 28:19-20**

## *Daily In The Word*

Reflect on this week's lesson. What are some key areas and verses that the Lord convicted you about?

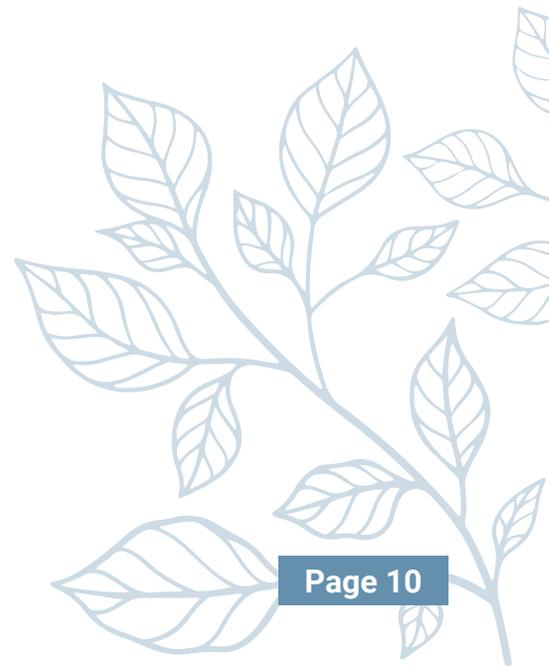
*Read John 14: 16-26*

Who is the Comforter?

*Read Ephesians 3: 14-21*

Who is the power that works in us in Ephesians 3:20 and how do we tap into that power?

What prevents you from tapping into that power?



**DAY 2**

*Daily In The Word*

*Read Acts 1: 8*

Prayerfully consider and write down how you can reach people in the following areas:

Your local community:

Your state:

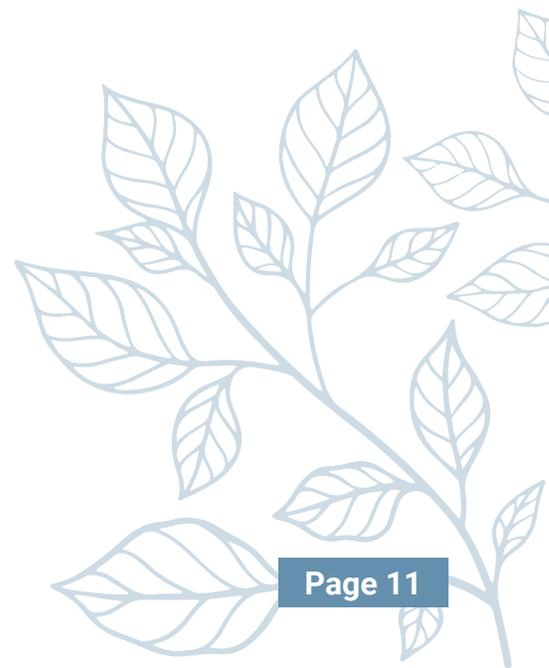
Your nation:

Your uttermost:

*Read John 14: 8-17*

What does Jesus command of us?

What is your prayer for this command?



*Daily In The Word*

*Write out Matthew 28: 19-20*

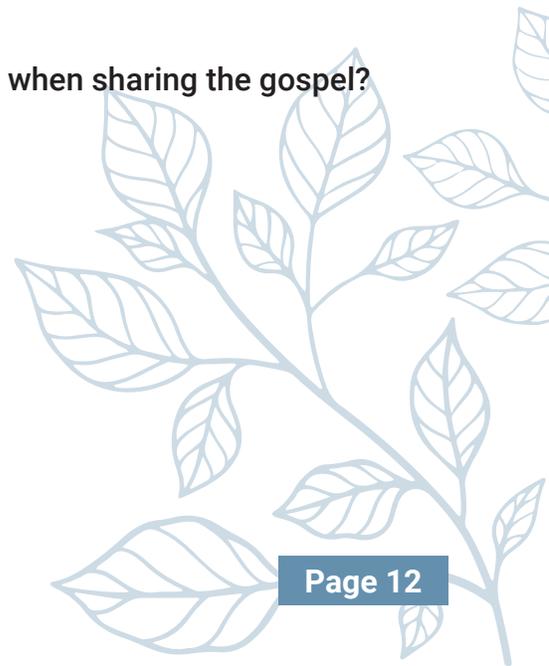
What is your prayer regarding these verses?

Read the following questions you might hear when sharing the gospel. Consider how you would respond with scripture. Note your response and scriptural reference:

Question	Biblical Answer	Notes
Wasn't the Bible just written by men?		
I am a good enough person, isn't that enough?		
Isn't it closed-minded thinking that Jesus Christ is the only way to heaven?		

What are other questions you have received (or do you anticipate) when sharing the gospel? How might you address these biblically?

What tools do you have to help you share the gospel?



*Daily In The Word*

Below is the Romans Road. Read these verses. Would you prayerfully consider asking a lost friend to review this with you prior to your next study date?

**The Standard Romans 3:10**

Righteous means just, accordant to the divine law (right with God).

**All have sinned (the Good Test) Romans 3:23**

Have you ever told a lie?

Have you ever stolen anything?

Have you ever murdered someone? (1 John 3:15) Hate = murder

Have you ever committed adultery? (Matthew 5:28) Lust= adultery

**The Fall Romans 5:12**

It was by Adam and Eve that death passed upon all men. (Genesis 5:3)

**The Punishment Romans 6:23**

Wages of sin = death

But, God gave us a gift = eternal life

**Gift Romans 5:8**

While we were yet sinners Christ died for us **Ephesians 2:8-9**

Not of works, only by grace (receiving something you didn't deserve).

It is a gift; you cannot earn a gift.

**Confession Romans 10:9-10**

Confess with thy mouth, Believe in thine heart that Christ died for all sin and rose again alive the third day, conquering sin and death.

## Daily In The Word

*Read 2 Timothy 2: 2*

Who has been a key believer that has invested in your walk with the Lord? Take time to say a special prayer to the Lord and thank God for this individual.

Who have you invested in? If you haven't invested in anyone, what has prevented you in investing in someone?

*Ephesians 4: 14-15*

How do you prevent being "tossed to and fro?"

*Read 2 Timothy 2: 15*

Do you make studying God's word a priority in your life? If not, what prevents you from studying God's word the way you would like?

Reflect on this lesson and past Daily in the Word lessons from this week. What will you do in response to what you have learned?

Even so must their wives be grave, not slanderers, sober,  
faithful in all things.

*1 Timothy 3:11*

I have been thinking about what hinders us from being faithful in prayer as in, being constant in the performing of that duty, exact in following that command. As I reflect on my own life, I have come up with these barriers to faithfully praying: time, perceived need, and lack of confidence in the power of prayer. At times, I can be apathetic in prayer. I don't think it is too much of a jump to say that I am not alone here. So, would you join me in humbling ourselves to understand how to balance all the things in being faithful in prayer?

### Command

*Read Luke 18:1*

<sup>1</sup> And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;

Our command is to pray \_\_\_\_\_.

Our battle against weariness is persistent! When is the last time you plead with the Lord? His ear is not too heavy nor his arms too short! (*Isaiah 59:1-2*)

### How to Pray

We are in good company if we are in the business of learning how to pray!

*Read Luke 11:1*

<sup>1</sup> And it came to pass, that, as he was praying \_\_\_\_\_, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, \_\_\_\_\_, as John also taught his disciples.

There are three things that we can learn from this verse:

NOTES

### First

Jesus was in prayer in a certain place. Even Jesus sought seclusion!

#### *Read Matthew 14: 22-23*

<sup>22</sup> And straightway Jesus constrained his disciples to get into a ship, and to go before him unto the other side, while he sent the multitudes away. <sup>23</sup> And when he had sent the multitudes away, \_\_\_\_\_ apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone.

### Second

It is noble to ask Jesus to teach you how to pray! If you don't know where to start with prayer, ask!

#### *Read Matthew 7: 7*

<sup>7</sup> Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

The Lord's Prayer is a pattern. It was never intended to be vainly repeated!  
(Matthew 6:7-13)

### Third

A sign of growth in your faithfulness is your ability to teach others how to pray!

#### *Read 2 Timothy 2: 2*

<sup>2</sup> And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

A litness test for being faithful in prayer is your pattern of investing in others' prayer lives. If someone were to reproduce your prayer life, would it be honorable to the Lord?

**"In your prayer life, are you faithful or fickle?"**

**Memory Verse Luke 18:1**

## *Daily In The Word*

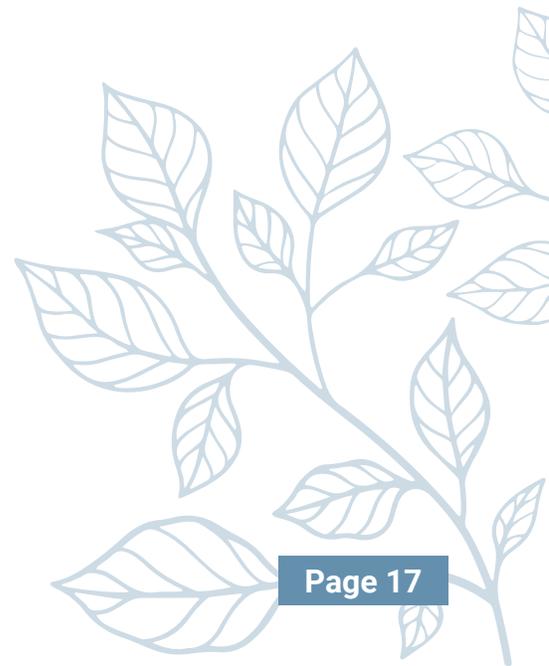
Review your notes from this week's lesson. What are some key areas and verses that the Lord convicted you about?

*Read Luke 18: 1-8*

What causes you to personally faint?

How can you battle this fainting with prayer?

Write out **Luke 18:1** below:



## Daily In The Word

*Read Matthew 14: 22-23. Mark 1: 35 & 6: 46*

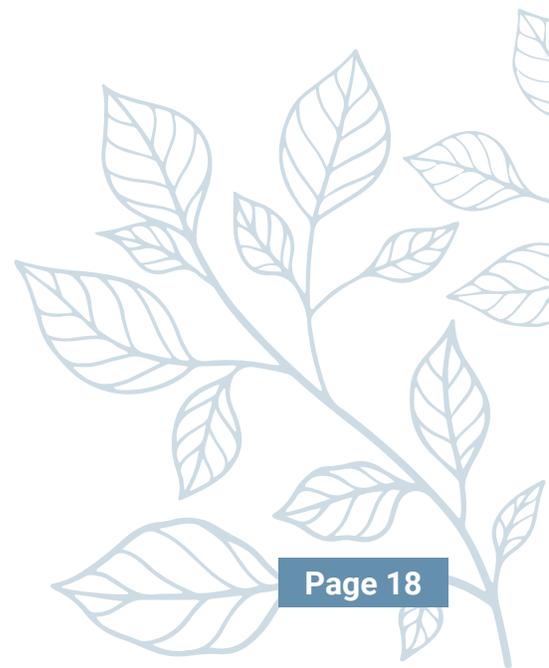
What commitments can you make about making seclusion a priority in your prayer life? Fill out some of the suggestions below:

Location for Prayer:

Time of day for Prayer:

Excuses I have that I shouldn't use:

Would you consider spending the rest of your time in personal prayer with the Lord? Write out your prayers below:



*Daily In The Word*

*Read Matthew 6: 7-13*

Focus now on the Lord's Prayer in verses 9-13. Would you consider what Jesus is patterning for us with what he prays? Jot down your thoughts below:

Verse 9:

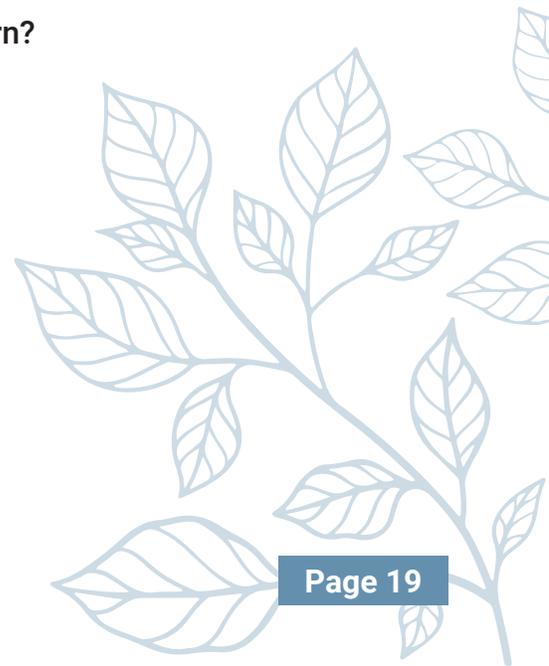
Verse 10:

Verse 11:

Verse 12:

Verse 13:

What can you change about your prayer life given the Lord's pattern?



## *Daily In The Word*

There are other examples of saints praying in the Bible that we haven't discussed. Consider the following examples below and take notes:

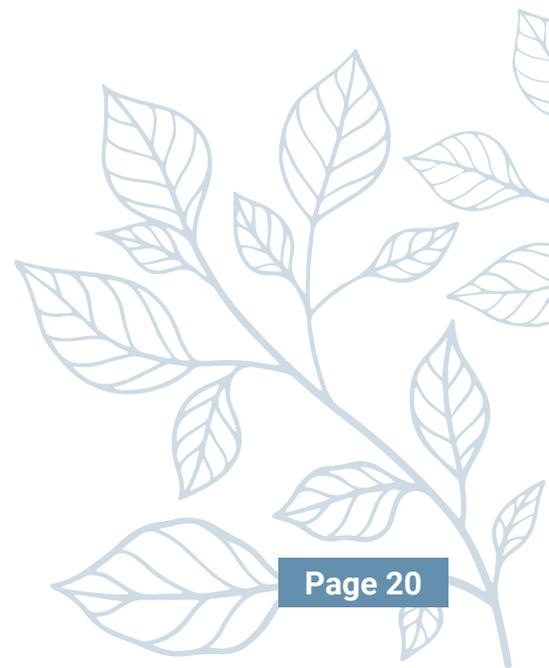
*Read Daniel 9: 3-19*

What did Daniel focus on in his prayer?

What was Daniel broken about?

What was Daniel's posture?

How can you learn from this prayer example?



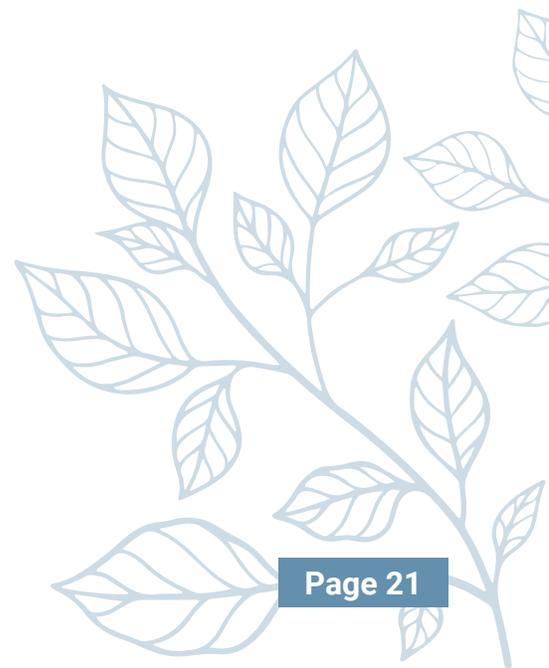
*Daily In The Word*

*Read 2 Timothy 2: 2*

If your prayer life were reproduced, what would be the positive things that would come from it?

If your prayer life were reproduced, what would be the negative things that would come from it?

Would you prayerfully consider what you could commit to changing about your prayer life right now? Jot down your thoughts and prayers below.



Even so must their wives be grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things.

*1 Timothy 3:11*

In today's world, time is a hot commodity! Doesn't it seem like everyone, including you, is busy all the time? Seriously, can you think of the last time you didn't feel "busy?" Which brings us to the theme of Lesson Four: are we faithful with our time? Time is an interesting commodity in that it is finite, defined, and yet on a clock to which we do not know the end! Think about it! There are only always 24 hours in a day, always 7 days in a week, and always 52 weeks in a year, yet there is an unknown amount of years for each of us. God knew this when he gave us specific instructions about time.

### *Time Management*

The word "time" is mentioned 619 times in 562 verses in the Bible! Interestingly enough, not many talk about time management! First, we have to have God's perspective of time.

1. God created time. Time was created for organization, reference, and relativity. (Gen 1:14) Better put, for signs, seasons, days, and years! (Genesis 4:3, 17:21). Yet, in today's world, time isn't used for signs, seasons, days, and years...no! It has become an idol.

2. We (personally) have a limited amount of time. (Psalm 89:47; James 4:14)

3. We (globally) have a limited amount of time. (1 Peter 4:7; Revelation 1:3)

4. We are warned not to be idle. This is especially important for women! (Proverbs 19:15, 31:27)

*a.* The virtuous woman avoids idleness by the work of her hands and doing a survey of the affairs of her life. (Proverbs 31:10-31)

*b.* Conversely, the unfaithful widow in 1 Timothy 5:13 learns to be habitually idle.

Most of us probably feel inadequate when we look at the list of what it means to be faithful in time management and reflect on what we do in our own lives. But I think all of us have a genuine desire to be faithful in time management because it truly would make our lives less stressful! It's almost as if we are living Romans 7:18 **"for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not."** This is a journey, and we must always remember God's perspective: time is a tool, not an idol!

### Practical Tips

- While we all have the \_\_\_\_\_ amount of time, we do not all live in the same season with the same capacity. Your faithfulness with your time is between you and the \_\_\_\_\_.
- In order to \_\_\_\_\_ any task, there are 3 variables that are in constant flux: time, quality, and resources. In order to fit all the things in a day, we typically have to compromise on one or two of these areas.
- While it may be hard to create hour-long blocks of time, 10–15-minute blocks add up! Have a \_\_\_\_\_ for those 10–15-minute blessings!
- Remember, tomorrow is always a \_\_\_\_\_ day! (**Lamentations 3:23**)
- The horse is prepared for the day of battle, but safety is of the Lord. His plans trump my preparation! Always error on saying "Yes" to Him and "No" to our list. (**Proverbs 16:9**)

So, how can we be faithful with time management? We must have a plan.

### Read Ephesians 5:15-17

- <sup>15</sup> See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,
- <sup>16</sup> Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.
- <sup>17</sup> Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.

1. Walk circumspectly = purposefully watching
2. In the fear of the Lord = will this use of time honor the Lord
3. Knowing our evil environment = on guard for thieves of my time
4. Be governed by God's will = my time is not governed by my own will

### Read Haggai 1:1-7

**"In the area of time management, are you faithful or fickle?"**

Memory Verse Eph. 5: 15-17

## *Daily In The Word*

Reflect on this week's lesson. What are some key areas and verses that the Lord convicted you about?

### *Read Ecclesiastes 3:1-11*

What are some of the seasons of life God has you in right now that affect your time?

Which of these seasons needs more time investment (attention)?

What things, if any, are robbing you from enjoying the time you have in this season?

Write out your memory verses below:



## *Daily In The Word*

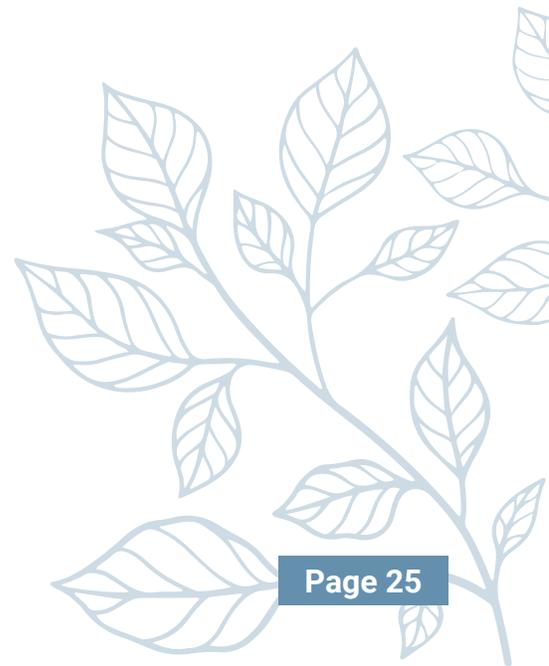
*Read Proverbs 31:27*

**One way to battle idleness is having a plan for small increments of time.**

What are some tasks that would be beneficial to you personal or spiritual life that take you 10-15 minutes to complete?

Prayerfully consider how you can use this list to battle idleness.

What are some things you can change in order to battle becoming idle?



*Daily In The Word*

*Read Haggai 1: 1-7*

Consider verses 6-7

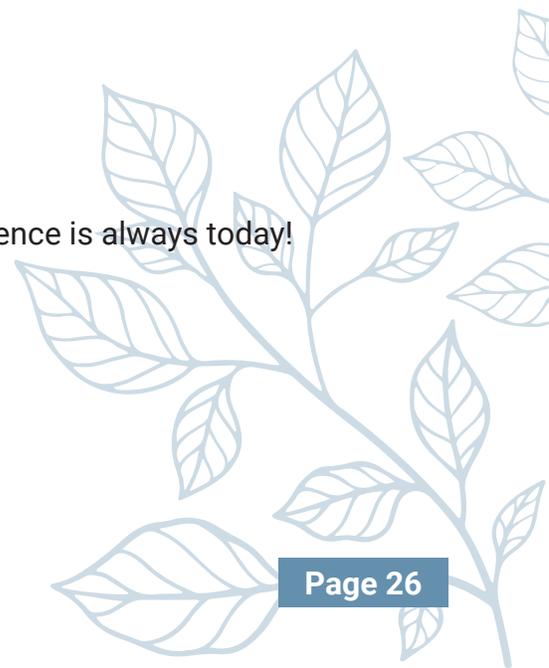
How is your prioritization of God's work versus your own agenda? Take time to prayerfully and thoughtfully consider your ways below:

In what areas are you laboring to which there is little eternal profit?

In what areas are you laboring to which there is much eternal profit?

Is there something God has called you to do that you are postponing for a better time?

What do you need to change today? Remember, the time for obedience is always today!



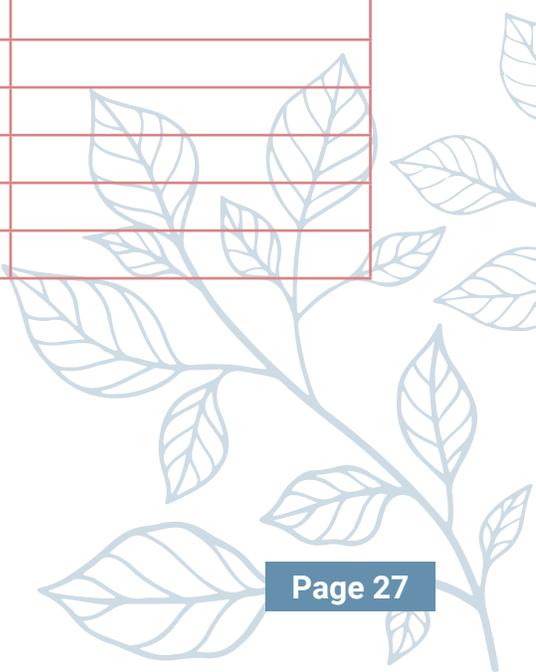
# Daily In The Word

Read Ephesians 5:15-17

## The Time Budget

There are only 24 hours in a day, or 168 hours in a week. The time we have is a limited, precious commodity. How will you spend it? Consider the following: time is a finite resource much like money. When we have a finite amount of money that must be allocated to living, we must budget. Unlike money, we cannot put time into a bank and save it for a rainy day. It is a use-it or lose-it commodity. One way to plan to redeem the time would be to budget it wisely. Fill out this time budget in pencil. Ideal vs. actual will help you prioritize what is important.

Task	Time (Per week or day) Actual vs. Ideal		Priority (Low, Medium, High)
Rest			
Cooking			
Cleaning			
Employment			
Ministry			
Attending Church			
Prayer			
Errands			
Kids' Sports			
Family Quality Time			
Socail Media			
Leisure			
Exercise			



## Daily In The Word

Read Luke 14:25-33

Pay specific attention to verse 33. The Lord wants to have ownership of every area in our lives. Does He have ownership of all your time? Prayerfully consider the questions below:

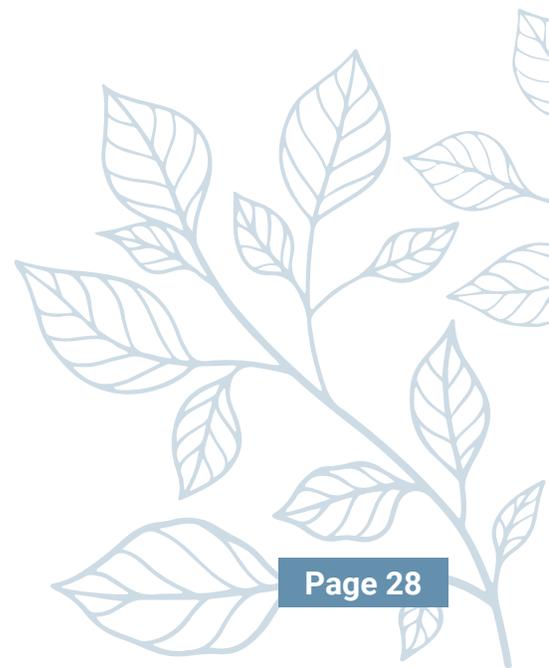
What hinders you from surrendering your time to the Lord?

Without \_\_\_\_\_ it is impossible to please God. - *Hebrews 11:6*  
So, where can you [by faith] surrender your time to the Lord?

Reflect on this lesson and daily in the Word Lesson at Home activities. What is your plan for faithful time management?

What will you do in response to what you have learned?

Write your prayer in response:



## The Tongue

Even so must their wives be grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things.

*1 Timothy 3:11*

Think about what you can learn about someone when she opens her mouth and uses her tongue. You can quickly understand where she is from, how confident she is, and her position. You can sometimes even gauge her level of education or her age. Also think with me how much you can learn by what isn't said? [The Bible tells us that a wise man keeps his lips.](#) There is a lot to be said about this little member in our bodies. In this lesson, we will explore what God says about how we can be faithful with our tongues!

## The Tongue

Read James 3: 1-12

*Verse 1-5* A little member with big consequences!

- Everyone will offend with the tongue. Look at *Psalms 119: 165.*
- It can control the whole body.

*Verse 6* How can the tongue set on fire the course of nature? What are some ways our tongue can cause harm? Write your response below.

*Verse 7-8* Unlike the creatures on the earth, no man has dominion over the tongue. Look at *Romans 6: 12-16.* Write your reflections below.

*Verse 9-12* It's ugly to speak out of both sides of our mouths!

"In order to be faithful with my tongue – constant in the performing of duties, exact in the fulfilling of the command – I need to realize that I cannot do it by myself."

## Faithful Tongue & Pure Heart

### Read Proverbs 31: 26

<sup>26</sup> She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.

**Kindness means:** Good will; benevolence; that temper or disposition which delights in contributing to the happiness of others, which is exercised cheerfully in gratifying their wishes, supplying their wants or alleviating their distresses; benignity of nature.

### Read Matthew 12: 34 & Luke 6: 45

Write your reflections below.

Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. An ugly tongue is the outward expression of an ugly heart. A faithful journey with a clean tongue is a lifelong mission of kindness and a pure heart!

“In the all the things, specifically the tongue, are you faithful or fickle?”

Memory Verse Proverbs 31: 26

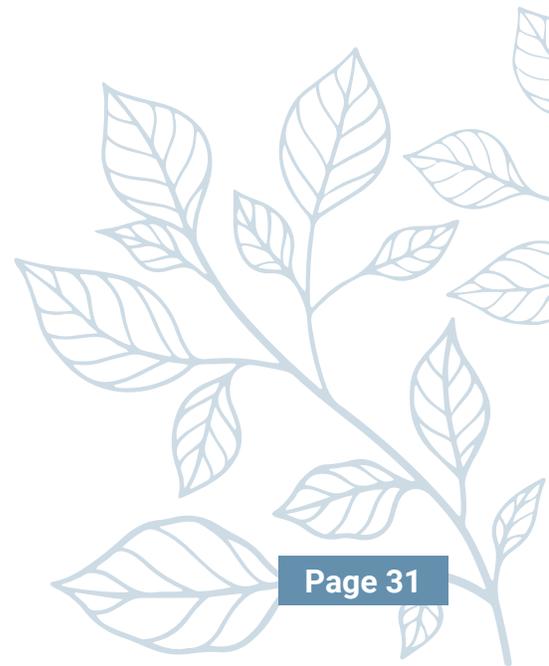
## *Daily In The Word*

Reflect on this week's lesson. What are some key areas and verses that the Lord convicted you about?

*Read James 3:9-12*

What are some areas where you consistently faithful with your words?

What are some areas where you need to prayerfully consider changing your speech? Are there areas in which you are being double-tongued?



## DAY 2

### *Daily In The Word*

*Write out Proverbs 31:26*

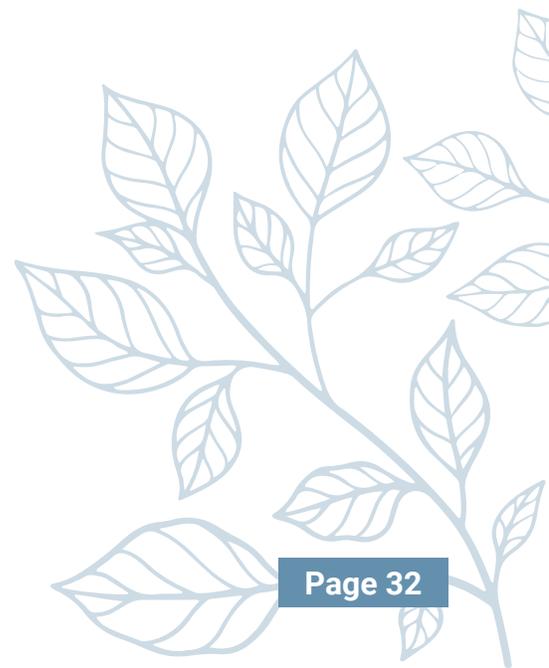
What does it mean to open your mouth with wisdom?

*Read Psalm 37:30. Proverbs 10:31. Proverbs 14:3. Proverbs 15:2*

What does God teach us about wisdom and our mouths?

Consider now the law of kindness of the virtuous woman's tongue. Who do you need to be more kind to with your words?

Reflect and write out a prayer in response to today's devotion.



*Daily In The Word*

*Read Colossians 4: 6*

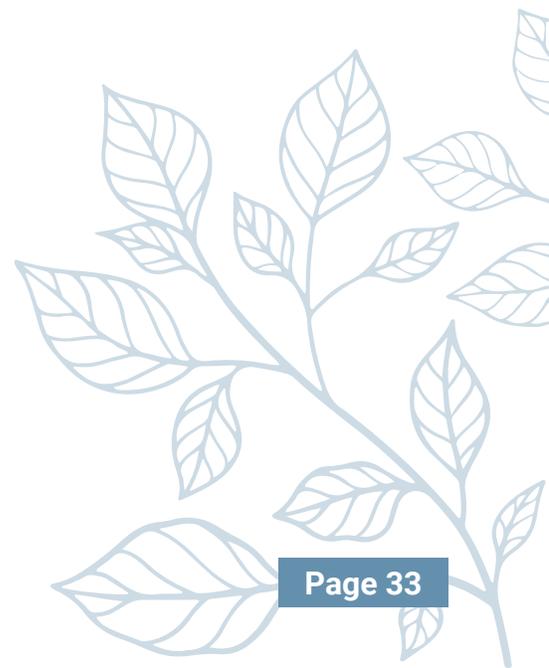
What is the salt that should season our speech?

*Read Proverbs 15: 23. Proverbs 25: 11. Isaiah 50: 4*

Speech with grace is knowing that when you speak is just as important as what you say!

Can you think of a time where listening has been more important than speaking?

Can you think of a time when it was appropriate to counsel a friend, even if you had to give her hard truth?



*Daily In The Word*

*Read 1 Timothy 3: 11*

What does this verse mean?

Write out the definition of slanderer.

Have you been a slanderer of someone? Remember, our words start to form in our hearts (Luke 6:45). If you haven't verbally slandered, but have formulated these thoughts in your heart, it's only a matter of time.

How and where do you need to be on guard against slander?

*Read Ephesians 4: 29*

What is the first word in this verse?

How does that frame the instruction here?

What is your role with corrupt communication?

What does it mean to minister grace to the hearers with the words you speak?

*Daily In The Word*

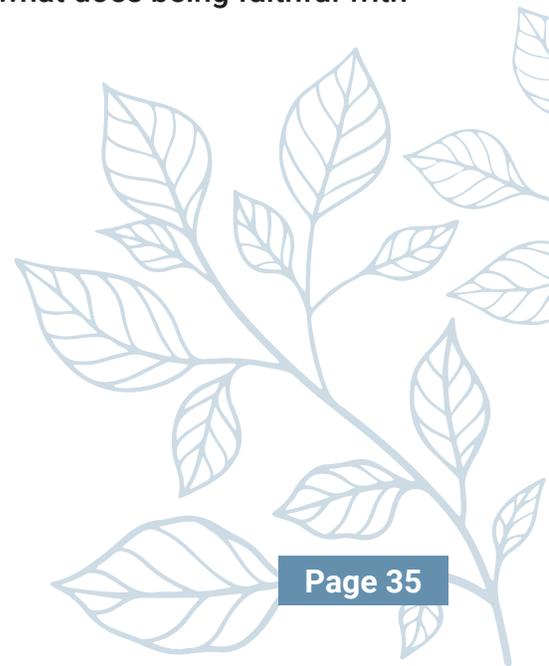
*Read Proverbs 15:1*

What does a soft answer look like for you?

Look up the definition of grievous. Where are you fighting against using grievous words?

You have read and prayed through many verses on the tongue over these this week's lessons. What has the Lord taught you?

What do you need to surrender to him? In this season of your life, what does being faithful with your tongue look like?



*The Heart*

Every way of a man is right in his own eyes:  
But the Lord pondereth the hearts.

*Proverbs 21: 2*

We can fake actions; we cannot fake a clean heart. So far, in this study, we have anchored on 1 Timothy 3:11, that a godly woman would be faithful in all things. One very important piece we cannot miss is that in these beautifully faithful actions, we must have a beautifully pure heart. In this lesson we will study how to be constant in the performing of the duties with our hearts; exact in the fulfilling of the commands in our hearts; and not fickle with our hearts.

*What is the Heart*

The heart is defined as:

- The inner part of any thing; the middle part or interior; as the heart of a country, kingdom or empire; the heart of a town; the heart of a tree.
- The chief part; the vital part; the vigorous or efficacious part.
- The seat of the affections and passions, as of love, joy, grief, enmity, courage, pleasure etc.
- By a metonymy, heart is used for an affection or passion, and particularly for love.
- The seat of the understanding; as an understanding heart.

The heart in the Bible.

The word heart is mentioned 830 times in 762 verses. Let's look as some!  
Write what you found.

Genesis 6:5 \_\_\_\_\_

Proverbs 4:23 \_\_\_\_\_

Jeremiah 17:9 \_\_\_\_\_

**“ The problem with our hearts is very sobering! In order to be faithful with my actions, I must have a faithful heart. ”**

## Faithful Heart

## NOTES

### Set my Affections

“ If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. ”

*- Colossians 3: 1- 2*

### Ask for help

“ Create in me a clean heart, O God; And renew a right spirit within me. ”

*- Psalm 51: 10*

### Ask why and purify

“ For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it: Thou delightest not in burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit:”

*- Psalm 51: 16- 17*

### Obey in heart

“ Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye. ”

*- Acts 7: 51*

Which area of having a faithful heart do you struggle with the most?

“ It is a good thing to be obedient in action; it is a better thing to be obedient in heart! How is your heart? Is it a faithful heart or a fickle heart? ”

Memory Verse Psalm 51: 10

## DAY 1

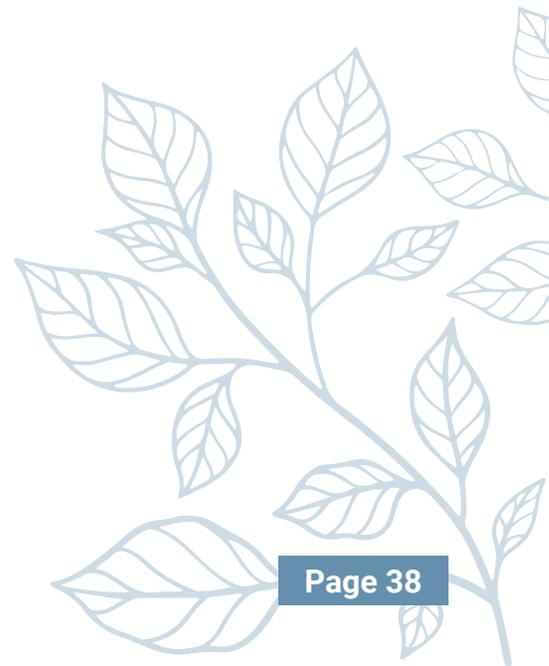
### *Daily In The Word*

Reflect on this week's lesson. What are some key areas and verses that the Lord convicted you about?

*Read Psalm 51: 10*

As you pray, in what areas do you see where God needs to purify?

Are you willing to allow the Lord to do a work on your heart to make it more faithful? Pray that God would create in you a clean heart.



## DAY 2

### *Daily In The Word*

*Read 1 Samuel 16: 7*

When God looks at your heart today, what does he see? Are you rushed? Are you meek? Are you mad? Are you joyful? Are you doing this to check a box?

*Read Psalm 51: 16-17*

What is a broken and contrite heart?

Do you feel that you're trying to earn favor with the Lord via your actions or via your heart attitude? Explain your response here.

What conviction(s) did you experience this week? What will you do in response?

## DAY 3

### *Daily In The Word*

*Read Luke 6: 45*

Our mouths can indicate what our hearts treasure. What do you talk about most often? Do you think that is where God wants your heart to be?

*Read Colossians 3: 1-2 . 2 Corinthians 4: 18*

What are you looking forward to in Heaven?

What scripture(s) has/have been on your mind lately?

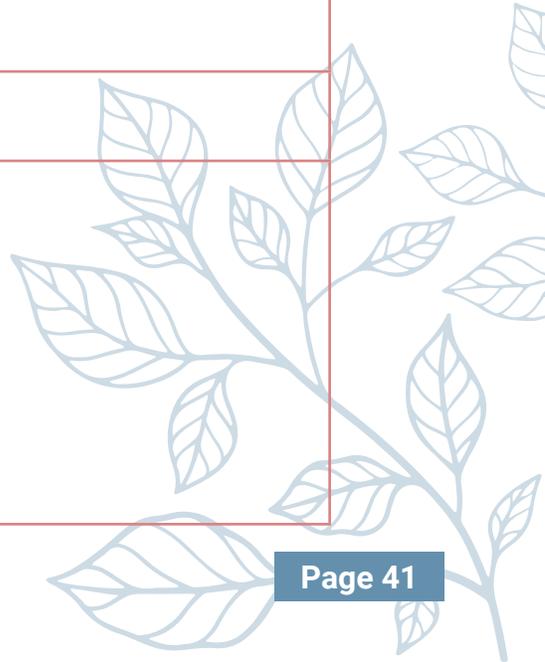
Who or what has been on your heart during prayer lately?

What vain imaginations have you let settle in your heart? Prayerfully consider how you can combat these.

*Daily In The Word*

God called David a man after His own heart. Read some of the things David writes to the Lord in Psalms. Consider your own heart; do you long for the Lord like this? What prayers do you have after reading these verses? Write your reflections.

Psalm 119: 10	
Psalm 119: 20	
Psalm 119: 32	
Psalm 119: 34	
Psalm 119: 58	
Psalm 119: 72	
Psalm 119: 80	
Psalm 119: 92	
Psalm 119: 103	
Psalm 119: 111-112	
Psalm 119: 135	
Psalm 119: 162	
Your Prayer	



**DAY 5**

*Daily In The Word*

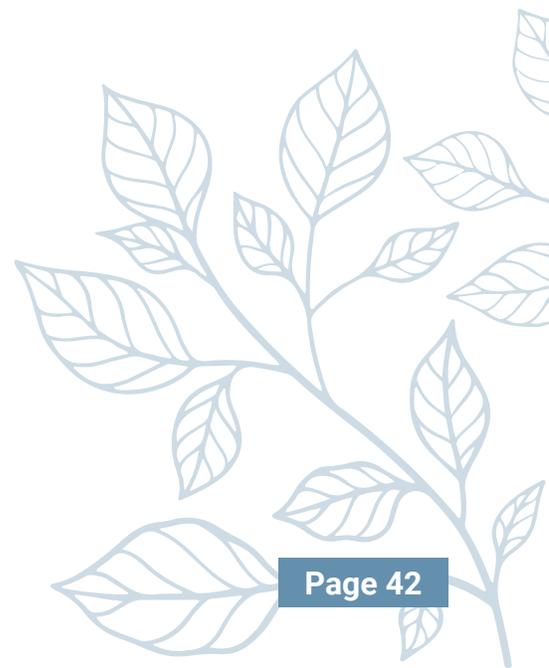
*Read Psalm 62: 8*

When was the last time you poured your heart out to the Lord?

Reflect on this lesson. What does it look like for you to have a surrendered heart?

What is your plan to have a faithful heart?

Reflect on the past week's devotions. Write a prayer, anything God has spoken to you about.



## Reading The Bible

Even so must their wives be grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things.

*1 Timothy 3:11*

When I asked ladies to review the definition of faithful (**constant in the performing of duties, exact in the fulfilling of the commands, and not fickle**) and consider where they struggle, many agreed on one item: reading the Bible. As we have before, we will look at the “what and how” of this command. However, differently than before this is really a very simple task...read your Bible every day. So, with this lesson, we will look at God’s motivation behind this command. Maybe this will motivate us to obey what we know we ought to be doing.

### The Bible

The purpose of daily reading is intimacy, not entertainment! Approaching scripture with this mindset will yeild spiritual growth!

*Read Ephesians 3:19*

<sup>19</sup> And to know the love of Christ, which \_\_\_\_\_ , that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

The word of God is no ordinary book! Read the following passages and jot down how God’s word is different than any other book.

Isaiah 55: 11 \_\_\_\_\_

Psalms 19: 7-8 \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 24: 35 \_\_\_\_\_

2 Peter 1: 21 \_\_\_\_\_

John 1: 1-3 \_\_\_\_\_

“ My motivation for daily reading needs to be to know the author by reading His letter to me. ”

## Approaching the Bible

How should I approach reading my Bible? Below are some practical tips on how we should think about reading our Bible every day!

### As we would beautify our outside!

What if I spent as much time in scripture getting my inside ready as I do getting my outside ready?

#### Read 1 Peter 3: 1-4

<sup>1</sup> Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives; <sup>2</sup> While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear. <sup>3</sup> Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; <sup>4</sup> But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is \_\_\_\_\_, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of \_\_\_\_\_.

### As our necessary food!

What if I didn't eat physically until I had eaten spiritually?

#### Read Job 23: 12

<sup>12</sup> Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips; I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my \_\_\_\_\_.

### As a workman!

Do I search the scriptures until the job is done?

#### Read Proverbs 2: 1-5

<sup>1</sup> My son, if thou wilt receive my words, And hide my commandments with thee; <sup>2</sup> So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, And apply thine heart to understanding; <sup>3</sup> Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, And liftest up thy voice for understanding; <sup>4</sup> If thou \_\_\_\_\_ her as silver, And \_\_\_\_\_ for her as for hid treasures; <sup>5</sup> Then shalt thou \_\_\_\_\_ the fear of the LORD,

“ There are many physical examples of how you and I work hard to get it right. ”

## DAY 1

### *Daily In The Word*

Reflect on this week's lesson. What are some key areas and verses that the Lord convicted you about?

*Read Isaiah 55: 11. Psalm 19: 7-8. and Matthew 24: 35.*

How is the Bible different from any other book?

*Read 2 Timothy 2: 15*

Have you been a workman with the word of God? What is the last thing you studied in scripture to understand God's point of view?

What might you need to study?

## DAY 2

### *Daily In The Word*

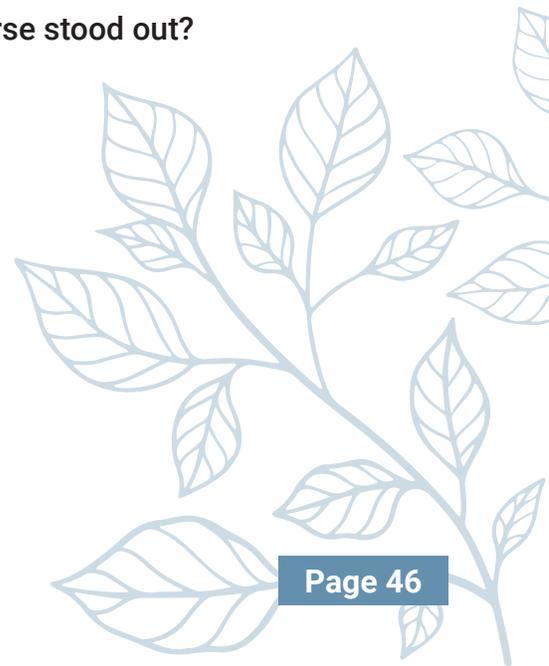
*Read Proverbs 25:1*

**What did the men of Hezekiah do with the scripture?**

This is one of the reasons writing out scripture is a good way to learn the word of God!

*Write out Psalm 1*

**What words and verses stick out to you? Why do you think this verse stood out?**



## DAY 3

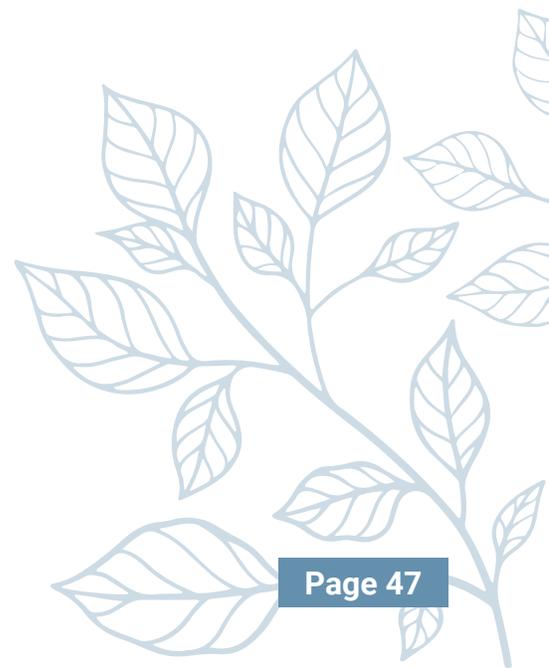
### *Daily In The Word*

*Read Psalms 62: 8*

Review the “Approching the Bible” section of the study. Which point resonates with you the most and why?

Pick a chapter of scripture and read this how you ought to do according to your convictions listed above!

What book and chapter did you pick and what did God teach you while you read?



## DAY 4

### *Daily In The Word*

For days four and five you are going to study aspects of Jeremiah 36.

*Read Jeremiah 36*

What did God command Jeremiah to do with all that He had spoken to Jeremiah?

*Read 2 Peter 1: 21*

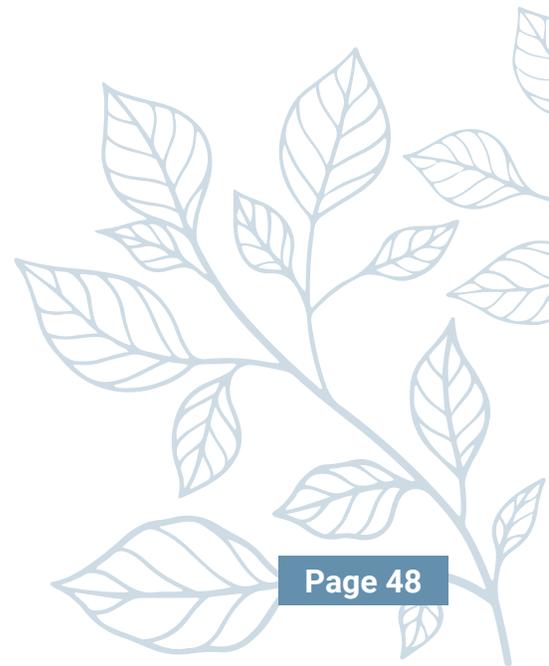
Do you see God's example here?

*Read Jeremiah 36: 6-8*

What was God's approach to getting the nation of Israel to repent? Does the Bible have this power in your life? If not why do you think that is?

*Read Romans 10: 17*

How is God being consistent with Romans here in Jeremiah?



## DAY 5

### *Daily In The Word*

#### *Read Jeremiah 36 Again*

In **Jeremiah 36:22-23** what was the king's response to the word of God? Do you toss into the fire the parts of scripture you disagree with?

#### *Read Psalm 12: 6-7*

How did God fulfill this promise to Jeremiah even after the king burned the roll?

What did God teach you about Himself and/or His word from this passage?

What will you do in response to what you have learned from **Jeremiah 36**?