

Live A Life That Pleases God

DAY:

Monday

TITLE:

Imitating the Father

KEY VERSE:

Ephesians 5:1 -- "Therefore be imitators of God as dear children."

REFLECTION:

I think about my grandson Joseph, four years old, sitting at the table explaining the difference between a dry cough and a wet cough like he was a doctor. He had no idea how funny he was, because all he was doing was imitating what he had seen and heard from the adults around him. That image stays with me because it is exactly what God is asking of us. He says, be imitators of me. Not occasionally. Not when it is convenient. But the way a child naturally, instinctively mirrors the one they love most. God is our spiritual Father, and He wants us to talk like Him, think like Him, act like Him, love like Him. You are not just trying to be a better person. You are a child learning to walk like your Dad. And He is patient with every stumble along the way.

PRAYER:

Father, I want to look like You in the way I live today. Teach me to imitate Your kindness, Your patience, and Your love in everything I do. I am Your child and I am watching You closely.

DAILY ACTION:

Choose one specific quality of God -- patience, kindness, or generosity -- and make a deliberate effort to imitate it in one interaction today.

DAY:

Tuesday

TITLE:

The Testimony of a Pleasing Life

KEY VERSE:

Hebrews 11:5 -- "By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, and was not found, because God had taken him; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God."

REFLECTION:

Enoch walked with God for three hundred years. Not three weeks. Not through one good season. Three hundred years. And when it was all said and done, the one thing written about his life was this -- he pleased God. I want that to be my testimony. Not that I built something impressive or that people spoke well of me, but that when God looked at my life, He was pleased. Hebrews tells us that Enoch diligently sought after God, and that diligence was rewarded in the most extraordinary way. God simply took him home. There are real rewards for pleasing God. Not just in eternity, but right here, right now, in the daily fabric of your life. When you make pleasing God your driving force, everything else finds its proper place. Start asking yourself today, does this please Him?

PRAYER:

Lord, I want my life to carry the same testimony as Enoch. Let me be someone who diligently seeks You and brings a smile to Your face today. That is enough for me.

DAILY ACTION:

At three different moments today, pause and ask yourself out loud or in writing, "Does this please God?" Let that question shape your next decision.

DAY:

Wednesday

TITLE:

Holy in All Your Conduct

KEY VERSE:

1 Peter 1:15 -- "But as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct."

REFLECTION:

Peter does not say be holy in your church life or holy on Sunday morning. He says be holy in all your conduct. That means the way you speak to the cashier when you are tired. The way you handle your temper in traffic. The way you treat your spouse when no one else is watching. Holiness is not a religious word reserved for the pulpit. It is a daily, practical, moment-by-moment way of living. I have seen what sin does up close in counseling rooms and broken families. It brings death -- death to marriages, death to friendships, death to purpose. But holiness brings life and freedom. Jesus said the truth will set you free, and this is the truth -- you were made to live above the mess, not underneath it. A pure heart really does produce a powerful life.

PRAYER:

Jesus, I want to be holy not just in the big moments but in all my conduct today. Strengthen me by Your Spirit to live in a way that reflects who You are. I choose holiness over comfort.

DAILY ACTION:

Identify one area of your daily routine where your conduct has been inconsistent with holiness, and make one practical boundary around it today.

DAY:

Thursday

TITLE:

Do Not Grieve the Spirit

KEY VERSE:

Ephesians 4:30 -- "And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption."

REFLECTION:

It stopped me when I really understood that the Holy Spirit can be grieved. Not angered. Not punishing.

Grieved. That is the language of someone who loves you deeply and feels the sting of being pushed aside. We grieve the Spirit through bitterness we refuse to release, through words that tear down instead of build up, through doubt that contradicts the promises of God. I have told my congregation many times that the ten spies grieved God when they declared they could not enter the promised land. All God wanted to hear was faith. Your words carry weight in the Spirit. What you speak over your life, your family, your circumstances -- it matters. Negativity is not just a bad habit. It is a spiritual grievance. Today, choose to speak what God says about your situation. Put a smile on the face of the One who sealed you.

PRAYER:

Holy Spirit, forgive me for the times I have grieved You with my words, my attitudes, and my unbelief. I want to be someone whose life brings You joy, not sorrow. Teach me to speak faith today.

DAILY ACTION:

Write down one negative declaration you have been speaking over yourself or your situation, then replace it with a faith-filled statement grounded in a scripture and speak it aloud three times today.

DAY:

Friday

TITLE:

Dead to Sin, Alive to God

KEY VERSE:

Romans 6:14 -- "For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace."

REFLECTION:

Paul is not being poetic here. He means it literally. Sin shall not have dominion over you. That is a declaration, not a suggestion. When you gave your life to Christ, something real happened. You died with Him and you rose with Him. The old master -- sin -- lost its legal right to rule your life. Now I know that does not always feel true. Some days the pull of old habits feels stronger than any scripture. But feelings are not your final authority. The Word is. You have to reckon yourself dead to sin, which means you consider it true by faith even before you feel it. Speak it out of your mouth. Declare that sin has no dominion over you. Your mouth will steer you where you need to go. This is not wishful thinking. This is covenant truth. You are free. Walk like it in 2026.

PRAYER:

Father, I declare today that sin does not have dominion over my life. I receive the freedom Jesus purchased for me and I choose to walk in it. Thank You that I am not a slave to sin but alive to You.

DAILY ACTION:

Speak this declaration aloud once in the morning and once before bed: "I am dead to sin and alive to God. Sin has no dominion over me in Jesus' name."