

5 DAY DEVOTIONAL- Working out and Working in

Day 1: Working Out Our Salvation Together Reading: Philippians 2:12-13

Devotional: Paul's words to "work out your salvation with fear and trembling" remind us that our spiritual growth is not a solo endeavor. Just as the Philippian church was called to collective action, we too are part of a body of believers. Reflect on how your spiritual journey impacts those around you. How can you contribute to the growth of others in your faith community? Remember, it's God who works in us, empowering our efforts. Today, consider one way you can actively participate in the spiritual life of your church or small group, knowing that your involvement helps everyone "mine the treasure" of salvation together.

Day 2: God's Transforming Power Reading: Ephesians 2:8-10

Devotional: Salvation is a gift from God, not something we earn. Yet, as we saw in Philippians, we're called to "work out" this salvation. Today's reading reminds us that we are God's workmanship, created for good works. Reflect

on the transformation God has brought in your life. How has His grace changed you? Consider areas where you still need God's transforming touch. Pray for the Holy Spirit to continue His work in you, shaping you for the good works God has prepared in advance. Remember, it's not about earning God's love, but about living out the new life He's given you.

Day 3: Living in Reverent Awe Reading: Hebrews 12:28-29

Devotional: The phrase "fear and trembling" from Philippians 2 is echoed in today's reading. We're called to worship God with reverence and awe, recognizing His holiness and power. This isn't a paralyzing fear, but a deep respect that should shape how we live. How does the awesome nature of God impact your daily life? Are there areas where you've become too casual in your approach to God? Take time today to meditate on God's holiness and power. Let this reverent awe inspire you to live with greater intentionality and purpose, seeking to honor God in all you do.

Day 4: Unity in Christ's Body Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

Devotional: The church in Philippi was called to work out their salvation together, and today's reading reinforces the importance of unity in the body of Christ. Each member has a unique role to play, just as each person in your church has gifts to contribute. Reflect on your place in the body of Christ. What gifts has God given you to serve others? Are you using them? Consider how you can better support and encourage others in their spiritual growth. Remember, when one part suffers or rejoices, we all share in it. How can you be more attuned to the needs of others in your faith community today?

Day 5: Shining Like Stars Reading: Matthew 5:14-16

Devotional: In Philippians 2:15, Paul encourages believers to "shine like stars" in a dark world. Jesus uses similar imagery in today's reading, calling us to be the light of the world. This light isn't just for our own benefit, but to draw others to God. Reflect on how your life reflects Christ's light. Are there areas

where your light has dimmed? Ask God to rekindle your passion for Him and for serving others. Consider one practical way you can "let your light shine" today, whether through an act of kindness, sharing your faith, or standing for truth in a difficult situation. Remember, your light has the power to impact others and bring glory to God.