

DAY 4

1 JOHN 1:9 NIV

No matter how many times we mess up, God is always ready to forgive. When we confess our mistakes and ask for forgiveness, God is faithful and just to cleanse us from sin. His forgiveness isn't about how perfect we are, but about how perfect His love is.

It's easy to feel guilty or unworthy when you've messed up, but remember, God doesn't hold your past against you. He wipes your slate clean and helps you grow. His forgiveness is a reminder that you are never too far gone for His love.

Think of one mistake or sin you've been holding onto. Take a moment today to confess it to God, knowing that He forgives you completely. Write down a verse or truth that reminds you of His forgiveness and carry it with you today.

DAY 5

MATTHEW 5:16 NIV

God calls you to be a light wherever you are—at school, at home, online, and with your friends. That light doesn't come from trying harder; it comes from staying close to Him. Prayer and God's Word are your fuel. When you talk to God and memorize His truth, your life naturally starts to shine. You'll have more peace, more love to give, and more boldness to live for Him.

Jesus doesn't want you to hide your faith—He wants you to live it out. Start by filling your heart with His words.

Each morning this week, pray Matthew 5:16 out loud. Ask God to help you live it that day. Then, write one phrase of the verse on your hand, journal, or phone. Repeat it throughout the day until it sticks. Do this all week and see how it shapes your actions.

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INFLUENCE

DAY 1

EPHESIANS 5:15-16 NIV

Have you ever heard the phrase “seize the day”? It means to take hold of the day—to be an active participant and make the most of every chance you get to show all the way up. In the verses before this, the writer, Paul, tells us about the darkness of the world. Paul tells us how easy it is to numb out and participate in creating more darkness.

This verse reminds us to choose wisdom. This verse reminds us not to sleepwalk through the darkness of life but to live as if the lights are on full brightness! Why? Because all Jesus has done for us invites us to a fully-alive kind of life!

What's one thing you can do today to live fully alive and make the most of every opportunity? Is there a conversation you can have? A person you can reach out to? Art you can make? An experience you can enjoy?

DAY 2

GALATIANS 5:14 NIV

Jesus made it simple: love others. In fact, He said that loving your neighbor is the key to fulfilling God's law. It's easy to get caught up in rules or trying to be perfect, but God is more concerned with how we treat others. Love is the foundation of everything—how we talk, act, and respond.

Loving others doesn't mean just being nice when it's easy—it means choosing kindness and compassion, even when people aren't easy to love. Jesus loved us with a sacrificial love, and He calls us to do the same. When we love others, we reflect His heart.

Today, choose one person to show extra love to—maybe someone who's difficult or who needs encouragement. Send them a message, do something kind, or just listen. Love is a choice, and God calls us to make it every day.

DAY 3

PROVERBS 22:24 NIV

The people you hang out with have a huge impact on who you become. Proverbs warns us about the dangers of being around those who have a bad temper or negative attitudes. Their habits can easily rub off on you, and you might find yourself reacting or thinking in ways that aren't helpful or healthy.

Choosing friends who encourage you, build you up, and help you grow in your faith is important. Surround yourself with people who reflect the qualities you want to develop.

Take a moment to evaluate your friendships. Are there people who bring out the best in you, or do some encourage negative behavior? This week, spend time with friends who challenge you to be better and avoid those who pull you down.