**Personal Devotion**

**Day 1**

**Engage**

Read Matthew 5:13–28.



**Consider**

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| **QUESTION**  What do you think it means to be the light of the world? |

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| **QUESTION**  What is the warning Jesus gave in Matthew 5:20? |

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| **QUESTION**  What three things did Jesus warn us against in Matthew 5:22? |

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| **QUESTION**  How should Jesus’ statements in Matthew 5:23–24 impact our worship? |

**Reflect**

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| **QUESTION**  Which area from today’s reading challenged you the most? |

**Activate**

Grab your journal or your Bible, and write down the biggest challenge from what you read today. Describe how you would like Jesus to help you with it.

**Pray**

Lord, I want to behave the way You want me to. And I also want to have a pure heart and a healthy soul. May the work of Christ go deep in me. I desire to be changed from the inside out. I not only want to behave like a Christian, but I also want to be free in the depths of my soul. I pray that other Christians around the world would join me in focusing on living the way that Jesus taught. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

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**Day 2**

**Engage**

Read Matthew 5:38–48.

**Consider**

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| **QUESTION**  What did Jesus say about revenge? |

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| **QUESTION**  How is Jesus’ teaching on revenge different from what you see in the world around you? |

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| **QUESTION**  What two things did Jesus instruct us to do with our enemies? |

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| **QUESTION**  What do Jesus’ teachings about revenge and loving our enemies reveal to us about God? |

**Reflect**

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| **QUESTION**  Are there any people in your life who have wronged you? |

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| **QUESTION**  What are some practical ways you can obey Jesus’ teachings on how to respond to them? |

**Activate**

Take a moment to pray for those you might consider an enemy.

**Pray**

God, today I pray for my enemies. I ask You to show Yourself to them, that they might trust You and follow You. Help them with the areas of their life that they are struggling in. Help us to no longer be enemies. Help me to truly love them, even if I don’t feel like it. I pray I can be an example of someone who truly loves people. Amen.

**Personal Devotion**

**Day 3**

**Engage**

Read Matthew 6:1–18.

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| **QUESTION**  How did Jesus teach us to give to those in need? |

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| **QUESTION**  How did Jesus teach us to pray? |

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| **QUESTION**  How did Jesus teach us to fast? |

**Reflect**

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| **QUESTION**  Which is the most difficult for you: give, pray, or fast? |

**Activate**

Attempt to give, pray, and fast *(remember, fasting is giving up something, like a meal, in order to devote that time instead to God)* over the next few days.

**Pray**

Slowly pray through Matthew 6:9–13.

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**Day 4**

**Engage**

Read Matthew 6:19–34.

**Consider**

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| **QUESTION**  Where should we store up treasures? (Matthew 6:20) |

Treasure can represent your time, talent, money, possessions, and energy.

Read Matthew 6:25, 31, 34 again.

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| **QUESTION**  What should our response be when it comes to worry? |

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| **QUESTION**  Why did Jesus tell us not to worry? |

**Reflect**

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| **QUESTION**  How would you explain what Jesus said in Matthew 6:21? |

In this verse, Jesus is giving an invitation. He is saying that wherever you put your treasure, your heart will follow in that direction. By choosing to give generously to God’s kingdom with your time, talent, money, and possessions, you are enlarging your affections for God. You are leading your heart deeper into God’s kingdom.

**Activate**

It is time to start giving generously to God and His kingdom. Today is the day! Make the decision now to raise money for missions, use your talents to serve God, sell something you own and give the money away, or give of your time to bless others. It will change your life.

**Pray**

Father, help me to give generously and store up treasures in heaven. Help me not to worry about things so much and to trust You. Give me greater faith to believe You and what the Bible has to say about storing up treasures. I pray Christians will be the most generous of all people. Amen.

**Personal Devotion**

**Day 5**

**Engage**

Read Matthew 7.

**Consider**

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| **QUESTION**  What was the point Jesus was making when He described a log in someone’s eye? |

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| **QUESTION**  What did Jesus teach about our Heavenly Father and good gifts? |

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| **QUESTION**  What did Jesus teach about false prophets? |

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| **QUESTION**  What did Jesus say about those who do not obey His teaching? |

**Reflect**

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| **QUESTION**  Which teaching from Matthew 7 stands out to you to most? Why? |

**Activate**

Take notes during your next youth or church service. This is a good discipline and helps you remember more of the teaching.

**Pray**

Heavenly Father, teach me Your Word. Help me to understand when I am reading the Bible. Reveal to me Your ways through Scripture. Help my mind to comprehend. I open up my heart to receive Your truths. I long not only to know Your Word but to live in obedience to it. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, empower me to trust and obey. Change my heart so that I always desire to please You. I want my life built on Jesus and His ways. Amen.