

DAILY READING: PRIORITIES

I choose to make Jesus' priorities my priorities too. I choose to seek the Kingdom of God above all else and to live rightly. I belong to the Kingdom of God because I have given my heart to Jesus and I am transformed by His Spirit. I choose priorities that bring honor to Jesus. I need the Holy Spirit's help to remain focused on God and His Kingdom above all else. Even though I might be busy, God and His eternal Kingdom affect all I do. The most important things in my life are revealed in how I use my time. I choose to give first priority to spending time with Jesus. My time with Jesus transforms my priorities so I serve others with love and share the truth of Jesus with them. In my daily time with Jesus, I will seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit and choose to make the priorities of Jesus the most important thing in my life.

DAILY STUDY: PRIORITIES

DAY 1: Everything Is Worthless

Compared to Jesus –
 Philippians 3:6-11 (page 1172);
 Psalm 27:4 (page 517);
 Jeremiah 9:23-24 (page 739)

DAY 2: Don't Neglect (*forget to give attention to*) Worship –

Luke 10:38-42 (page 1018); Psalm 37:5-6 (page 550)

DAY 3: What Matters Most – 2 Timothy 4:5-8 (page 1200);

Exodus 20:3 (page 78); Ecclesiastes 5:10-11 (page 648)

DAY 4: Get Spiritual Nourishment (*feed your soul: Bible reading, prayer, worship, etc.*) – 1 Peter 2:1-3 (page 1229);

Psalm 90:12 (page 583); Ezra 7:10 (page 463)

DAY 5: Enthusiastically Serve (*with joy and excitement*) –

Romans 12:11-12 (page 1119); 1 Corinthians 15:58
 (page 1140); Deuteronomy 6:5 (page 182)



The Sun Stood Still

Did you know there was a day when the sun stood still and did not set for a full day? Read more about it in Joshua 10:12-14. Nasa speaks about this day as a "lost day in time."

DAY 6: Aim High! – Colossians 3:2 (page 1178); Hebrews 3:1 (page 1211); Psalm 123:1-2 (page 604); Ecclesiastes 12:13 (page 653)

DAY 7: Think about God's Goodness – Philippians 4:8 (page 1173); Psalm 119:10-11 (page 599)

Take time to learn the memory verse and have fun doing the activity.

ACTIVITY: Tracking Time

Here is one way to know what your priorities are – track how you spend your time. Choose a day to make this tool for creating a clear picture of where your time is used. This activity is not meant to get rid of fun, it is meant to help you see how you can make Jesus' priorities yours.

YOU WILL NEED:

- Paper
- Pencil or pen

STEPS:

1. Fold your paper in half from top to bottom. Then fold it in half again. Your sheet will be divided into four parts when opened.

2. Write at the top of the 1st section: 7 am – 10 am

Write at the top of the 2nd section: 10 am – 1:00 pm

Write at the top of the 3rd section: 1 pm – 4 pm

Write at the top of the 4th section: 4 pm – 7 pm or bedtime

3. Look back over your day and list the things you did during each section of the day.

4. Where was Jesus? Did you think about Him during any part of the day? Were you representing Him by your words and behavior? Is there any activity you do that takes all your attention and causes you to forget about Jesus and others?

MEMORY VERSE:

Matthew 6:33
 "Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need."
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