

DAY 6

Teach me to do your will, for you are my God; may your good Spirit lead me on level ground.
(Psalm 143:10 NIV)

Have you ever needed to make a decision and really didn't know what the right thing to do was? While making choices can be tough, as Christians we can turn to Scripture for some wisdom. The Bible is a really helpful tool for learning more about what God says is best.

The good news is what we're talking about isn't some secret we have to figure out. Through Scripture, we see what matters a lot to God—living and loving in ways that honor God and follow the example of Jesus. The next time you're worried about making the wrong choice, stop and ask yourself what the next right step is based on. Is it Jesus' example of loving your life, loving God, and loving other people?

Today, pray about how your faith and spending time with God can help you make wise choices and decisions.

DAY 7

Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.
(Psalm 119:105 NIV)

Life is better together! Most of the things we do are better when we can do them with the people we care about. Faith is also better together, and we are meant to live out our faith with other people.

This week, challenge a friend to memorize this verse with you. Message each other throughout the week as you attempt to memorize this Scripture together.

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Have you ever driven a familiar road at night? What once seemed super familiar can feel foreign. No matter how well we might know a road, a path, or a route somewhere, trying to find our way in complete darkness is never ideal. No matter how familiar it might be, without light, it's a challenge.

The writer of this Psalm describes God's Word as a lamp and a light for our path. Meaning, it helps show us what's ahead and helps us to navigate where we are heading and what obstacles may come. When we use God's Word, we don't live in the dark and in fear of the unknown. The Bible shows us if we are headed in the right direction or if we have to adjust our course.

Today, ask God to show you, through reading His Word, what He wants to shine a light on in your life or where He wants to guide you.

DAY 2

Lead me by your truth and teach me, for you are the God who saves me.
All day long I put my hope in you.
(Psalm 25:5 NLT)

We've all had those times when God seems quiet or distant. While this may be for different reasons, God wants you to know you are not alone.

Spending a few minutes praying or reading the Bible can help remind us that God is with us. Praying can be like hitting the reset button on our thoughts, and it's something we can do at any time. Just like the writer of this Psalm says, we can put our hope in God all day long.

Take some time today to pray and ask God to help remind you that God is with you. Remember, God is always accessible wherever we are.

DAY 3

The tongue can bring death or life; those who love to talk will reap the consequences.
(Proverbs 18:21 NLT)

You have probably heard the saying “your words have power.” Most of us can recognize that as true and have even experienced how powerful words really are when we get an encouraging compliment or someone says something hurtful. The verse today reminds us that one of the amazing things about the Bible is how the words can still apply to us today!

This Proverb is just one example of how wisdom—no matter how old it is— can continue to be meaningful. Sure, we will bump into some Scripture that feels old and doesn't connect to where we are. But we will also find Scripture that can feel like it was written just for us and our unique circumstances. Maybe that's what this verse is for you today. It is a great reminder that our words carry weight in the lives of other people.

Today, think of two ways you can use your words to encourage someone.

DAY 4

A good person produces good things from the treasury of a good heart, and an evil person produces evil things from the treasury of an evil heart.
(Matthew 12:35 NLT)

Have you ever wondered why the way we live, act, and treat others is such a big deal? Well, the truth is that how we love God and love others says a lot about what is going on in our hearts. God's Word says loving God and loving others is the most important commandment.

When we take God's word to heart, we are more likely to produce “good things.”

Today, pray and think about this question: “What do my actions tell me about the state of my heart?” This can be a challenging moment of reflection, but remember that God meets you with grace and wants to help you become more like Jesus.

DAY 5

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.
(2 Timothy 3:16 NLT)

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In this chapter of Paul's letter to Timothy, he tells Timothy there will be hardships in his walk with God. I have faced these hardships as well. Paul also tells us what to do about these hardships. Timothy is encouraged to remember what is true about God and what he learned is best when it comes to living life as a follower of Jesus. We can follow this same wisdom. What's even better is that, although at the time Paul wrote these words he was referring to the Hebrew Scriptures (think Old Testament), we now we have written stories about the life of Jesus and the written wisdom of some of His earliest followers we can look to! If you are going through tough times remember what

you've learned about God...like the fact that God is always with you, loves you, and cares enough about you to correct you when you need it most.

