

Daily Devotion Questions

Monday (1/20) — Deuteronomy 6:1-9

- What can you do to increase your love for God? What does loving God with your heart and soul and strength look like? What are some ways you can be intentional in how you love God?

Tuesday (1/21) — James 5:1-20

- We are commanded not to grumble against one another (5:9). What is an example of how someone might grumble against another believer? Write down a couple ways you are susceptible to this behavior. Ask the Lord to help you have a grumble free week.
- The importance of praying for one another is emphasized in 5:16. Write down the name of one person you could contact today and ask to pray for you. Write down the name of two people you could contact today and ask them how you could pray specifically for needs in their lives. Then make plans to contact all three people.
- 5:19 is an admonition for us to seek to bring back those who have wandered from the truth. Write down the names of two people you know who have wandered away from the church and the truth. Ask the Lord how you could work to bring those people back.

Wednesday (1/22) — Matthew 1:18 – 2:23

- In 1:20 Joseph is commanded to do something that would have been very difficult and for which he might have been ridiculed by others. In 1:24 we see that Joseph was obedient to God's instruction. Has God led you to do something difficult? Have you been obedient? Write down the Lord's instruction for you. Ask for strength for obedience.
- In 2:2 and 2:9 we see that God used a star to direct the wise men to their destination. What are two things the Lord uses today to direct his children and give them wisdom and understanding? How can you be more careful to hear from God this week as he seeks to direct you?
- In 2:12, the wise men were warned in a dream to take a different path. This also happened in 2:19 and 2:22. Today the Lord mostly uses his word and his Spirit to warn us. Is there something the Lord is warning you about right now? Take a minute or two and write that down. Ask the Lord to help you heed the warning.

Thursday (1/23) — Matthew 3:1-17

- The command from John the Baptist in 3:8 is so important even today, but it can be hard to understand. Spend some time focused on this verse and write the command in your own words. Then spend a few moments talking to the Lord about what this may mean in your life.
- Even though John was fairly famous and many were coming to him for spiritual help, he clearly saw Jesus as superior to himself (3:11, 14). How about you? Is your spiritual journey more about what you want the Lord to do for you, or is it more about how you can bring honor to the Lord?
- Jesus heard a wonderful message from heaven in 3:17. This is the same message that every child of God desires to hear at the end of his or her life. What would it look like for you to re-double your commitment to achieving this honor?

Friday (1/24) — Matthew 4:1-25

- Putting God to the test means to do something unwise expecting all along that God will rescue you and help you avoid the negative consequences. Jesus refused to put God to the test (4:7). Are there any ways you are living unwisely and putting God to the test in your life?
- In 4:10, Jesus tells the devil that it is more important to love and worship God than to seek after power, honor or wealth. How do you do with the temptation to seek power, honor or wealth more than the Lord? How important is money to you? How important is it that others think good things about you? Talk with the Lord about your heart.
- What does it mean to be a "fisher of men" (4:19)? Write down the names of three people you could seek to influence in some way for Christ this weekend. Pray for each of them.