DAY 5

READ: Proverbs 3:7-10

resources for my own pleasure and glory instead?

PRAY:

Jehovah God, You are the God who does impossible things! I overflow with gratitude for the eternal covenant You sealed. I overflow with gratitude for my Lord Jesus, my Great Shepherd. I pray that as You equip me with all good things for doing Your will, that I will step out in courage and in faith to serve You. Work in me, Lord. Work in Crossway, Lord. Work through us, and may we be pleasing to You. You indeed deserve glory--from days of old, to today, for ever more.

THINK:

In what ways has God equipped me to do His will on His behalf in this world?

What steps of courage do I need to take in order to do the things God has equipped me to do?

All the resources I have You've intended for Your will and purposes. In what ways do I use these

ACT:

Reflect on a time that God used you to accomplish His will. Think about how it felt to be used by God. Identify another opportunity to be used by God again.



Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Phillipians 4:6-7

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15 DAYS OF PRAYER | WEEK ONE



DAY 1

READ: Psalm 63:1-8

PRAY:

We, too, earnestly seek you, O God. We long for You because You are full of power and glory. We acknowledge Your love and the ways You have demonstrated that love through the years of this church's life. I acknowledge and praise You for the ways You have demonstrated that love through the years of my own life. I praise Your name this day. May my life be a living praise — a continual praise to You.

THINK:

When I am really honest, do I truly, earnestly seek and thirst after God?

How would my life be different if I were earnestly seeking after God?

What difference would this make in my family's life? My church's life? My work life?

ACT:

Commit to doing this 15-day devotional with your Crossway family.

DAY 2

READ: Matthew 9:35-38

PRAY:

O God, our Father, our world and neighborhoods are so filled with harassed and helpless people. Give me a heart of compassion for them. Help me see them through Your eyes and not my calloused, judgmental eyes. Jesus called His followers to be workers in His kingdom. Increase my own desire to be a worker and not a spectator. Lord, I pray that the body of believers at Crossway Church will rise together, walking by faith, and be Your workers in our community. Give us the courage, the strength, and the will to do it.

THINK:

What is the difference between a worker and a spectator?

Am I a worker or a spectator?

In what ways am I judgmental toward those who don't know God?

How can I develop greater levels of compassion for those who don't know God?

ACT:

Go out of your way today to help another in need (e.g., write an encouraging note, say kind words, mow someone's lawn, provide a meal, etc.).

DAY 3

READ: Proverbs 3:7-10

PRAY:

Lord, You established the principle of "firstfruits" long ago. Forgive me, Lord, for the times that I have relegated offerings to You as optional – only giving if I had something "left over." Forgive me, Lord, when I have relied on my own wisdom and ignored Yours. I thank You, Lord, for the wealth and treasures You have allowed me to have. I thank You for the food and clothing and housing that Your hand has provided. Forgive me for complaining about what has NOT been given to me. I pray that You will give me Your wisdom in the management of my resources. And, Lord, I will offer my "firstfruits" to You.

THINK:

When it comes to our personal finances, what are some ways that we are "wise in our own eyes"? What are some ways that managing money God's way will bring "health to your body and nourishment to your bones"?

What are some ways I am honoring the Lord with my finances?

Does the way I manage my personal finances show that I trust God to provide for me?

ACT:

Look at your monthly spending. Next to each item, write down if that purchase was for you or for God.

DAY 4

READ: Mark 12:41-44

PRAY:

Lord, I struggle with this story. My humanity wants to criticize her – to say she was foolish. But You commended her! You honored her! She obviously saw beauty and joy in giving what she could. She did not allow herself to be intimidated because what she had was so small, nor did she allow herself to believe that her little bit did not matter. It did matter! She mattered! And she gave. Help me have Your eyes, Lord. Help me see people as You see them. Help me have a generous and sacrificial heart toward You.

THINK:

What do you think motivated the poor widow to give so sacrificially?

What is my motivation for giving?

Why is God more impressed with sacrificial giving than large giving without sacrifice?

Why do we tend to criticize people who give sacrificially?

What are some ways that I am intimidated to give sacrificially?

ACT:

Identify one thing you could sacrifice in order to be part of the Reaching Tomorrow Today campaign.