

What's In Your Backpack?

Hebrews 12:1, NKJV

Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.

1. Carry God's Word

Psalms 119:11, NLT

I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

Psalms 119:105, NLT

Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.

2 Timothy 3:16, NLT

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. Carry Prayer

Philippians 4:6, NLT

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.

Philippians 4:7, NLT

Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

3. Carry Your Thinking Cap

Romans 12:2, NLT

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Philippians 4:8, NLT

And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.

Philippians 4:9, NLT

Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me—everything you heard from me and saw me doing. Then the God of peace will be with you.

4. Carry Character

Galatians 5:22-23, NLT

But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!

1 Samuel 16:7, NLT

But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

5. Carry Grace

Ephesians 2:8-9, NKJV

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.

Ephesians 4:32, NLT

Be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.

Colossians 3:13, NLT

Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.

Colossians 4:6, NIV

Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

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Ephesians 4:29, NKJV

Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.

1 Peter 4:10, NIV

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.