

5-DAY DEVOTIONAL



OVERCOMING THE WORLD

LIVING FOR THE ETERNAL

5-DAY BIBLE READING PLAN AND DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

FIVE DAYS IN THE WORD

Read one day at a time. Sit with the Scripture before you read the devotional, and let the reflection be honest before you move to the practical application.

01

DAY

DO NOT LOVE THE WORLD

READING: 1 JOHN 2:15-17

John warns that loving the world and its offerings displaces the love of the Father, and that everything the world provides is temporary and passing away.

The world competes daily for the affection that belongs to God alone. Its offerings appear satisfying but are designed to pull us away from the Father's love. As this sermon reminds us, the world operates as a system of rebellion working in opposition to the will and purpose of God. Every craving it stirs, every pride it

feeds, moves us further from God's design for our lives. Examine where your affections are truly anchored today. What has quietly taken the place of God in your heart? Surrender it, and ask God to fill that space with a deeper love for Him.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Write down three things you find yourself thinking about most throughout the day. Honestly assess whether those things draw you closer to God or further away. Pray specifically over each one.

02

DAY

TRANSFORMED, NOT CONFORMED

READING: ROMANS 12:2

Paul instructs believers not to be shaped by the patterns of this world, but to be transformed through the renewing of their minds so they can discern God's good, acceptable, and perfect will.

The world has a pattern, and it works persistently to press every person into its mold. Corruption exists in every institution because humanity has drifted further and further from God since the fall. Yet God's answer to the world's conforming pressure is not willpower alone but transformation from within. The renewing of the mind is a work God does on the inside that reveals itself on the outside in everyday life. You cannot think the world's thoughts and live God's life. Ask the Holy Spirit today to identify one area where the world's pattern has shaped your thinking more than God's Word has.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Choose one area of your thought life, whether it concerns money, relationships, or ambition, and replace a worldly assumption in that area with a truth drawn directly from Scripture. Meditate on that truth throughout the day.

03

DAY

THE DANGER OF CRAVINGS AND PRIDE

READING: PROVERBS 16:18

This verse warns that pride precedes destruction, and an arrogant spirit comes before a fall.

READING: PROVERBS 27:20

Just as the grave is never satisfied, the desires of human beings are never filled.

Cravings and pride are two of the world's most effective tools against the people of God. Cravings do not wait to be invited. They demand to be satisfied, whether the craving is for substances, possessions, status, or approval. Pride removes God from the center and places self there instead. God resists the proud not out of cruelty but because pride is fundamentally incompatible with dependence on Him. When we insist we are the authors of our own success, we cut ourselves off from the grace that sustains us. Humility is not weakness. It is the posture that invites God to do what we cannot do for ourselves.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Identify one area where pride has made it difficult to ask for help, whether from God or from others. Take a deliberate step of humility today, either through prayer, confession, or a conversation you have been avoiding.

04

DAY

SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM

READING: MATTHEW 6:33

Jesus teaches that when we prioritize God's kingdom and His righteousness above all else, everything we need will be provided in addition.

READING: PHILIPPIANS 4:19

Paul assures believers that God will supply every need according to His glorious riches.

We often approach God with a list of worldly requests, asking for the things the world already promises but cannot reliably deliver. Houses, cars, financial security, and status are not wrong desires, but they become dangerous when they drive our prayers more than our hunger for God's presence and character. The sermon makes this plain: if you seek the kingdom of God first, the things you need will follow. God is not opposed to blessing His people materially, but He refuses to be reduced to a vending machine for temporal goods. Seek Him for who He is, and trust Him to handle what you need.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Rewrite your prayer list today. For every material or circumstantial request, add a corresponding spiritual request. Ask God for the wisdom, grace, or faith that would help you steward whatever answer He gives.

05

INVEST IN THE ETERNAL

DAY

READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 4:17-18

Paul describes present troubles as light and momentary compared to the eternal weight of glory they are producing, and reminds believers to fix their eyes not on what is seen but on what is unseen, since visible things are temporary while invisible things are eternal.

READING: JOHN 14:2-3

Jesus tells His disciples that He is going to prepare a place for them and that He will return to bring them to where He is.

Everything this world offers will one day fade. The cravings will cease. The pride will have nothing left to boast in. The possessions will be left behind. But what God has placed in you, His Spirit, His love, His promises, and your identity as His child, none of that can be taken away or left at the grave. Jesus is actively preparing a place for those who belong to Him. That is not a distant theological idea. It is a present and personal reality. Live today with eternity in view. Let that perspective loosen your grip on temporal things and deepen your investment in what will last forever.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Spend ten minutes today in quiet reflection, asking yourself this question: If I knew I would stand before God in one year, what would I change about how I am living right now? Write down your answer and take one concrete step in that direction this week.

**"And this world is fading away, along with everything that people crave.
But anyone who does what pleases God will live forever."**

1 JOHN 2:17 (NLT)

GO DEEPER THIS WEEK

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