

A Day By Day Guide

Day by Day Guide for Praying through the New Testament in One Year

As you read each day's passage from the New Testament, spend a few minutes in prayer inspired by the passage and the thoughts below.

Monday, January 19 – Matthew 12:46-13:23 – Spend a few minutes meditating on the types of seed that Jesus says we are. Ask Him to give you the tenacity, selflessness, and heart to grow to full maturity and to produce fruit.

Tuesday, January 20 – Matthew 13:24-46 – Pray for President Obama who is inaugurated today. Pray for God to give him wisdom, a heart that is after God's wisdom, and a heart that displays compassion.

Wednesday, January 21 – Matthew 13:47-14:12 – Is there anything for which you would give your life? What do you believe so firmly in that no one would be able to pry it from your fingers even after death? Ask God what it should be and ask for the courage of John to live it out no matter what the persecution.

Thursday, January 22 – Matthew 14:13-36 – Do you believe that Jesus can work miracles in your life? Have you asked Him to? He stands ready to solve the problem just like in the passage but He is going to require you to be a part of the solution. Write out a problem you need help with and ask Jesus to help you with it. Obey with faith and courage the fleeting thoughts that enter your mind.

Friday, January 23 – Matthew 15:1-28 – Is your relationship with Jesus one of simply following someone else's rules and rites like the Pharisees in this passage? Jesus wants us to obey the Spirit of the Law by seeking its individual meaning for each of us and to use the brains He gave us. Analyze what you believe and see if it makes sense (like Jesus did here). Ask Him to guide your everyday walk and practices through His Spirit.

Saturday, January 24 – Matthew 15:29-16:12 – He does it again – multiplies the loaves and fishes a second time and uses the disciples to help Him do it! What is He trying to tell you about having faith in Him to solve your problems? Ask Him and listen for the answer.

Sunday, January 25 – Matthew 16:13-17:9 – Ask God to reveal His God-ness to you in some way today – He will. Write it down and praise Him for it!

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