

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, April 13 – Luke 16:1-18 – What are the little things that you do well in your life? That you need to work on in your life? It's the little things that comprise the big successes or the big tragedies – rarely is it one big thing that helps us succeed or causes us to lose. Ask God to help you identify these and write them down.

Tuesday, April 14 – Luke:16:19-17:10 – How is your forgiveness spirit these days? Let verse 17:4 guide your prayer about forgiving every time – not unwisely forgetting every time - but forgiving. Talk to God about the difference.

Wednesday, April 15 – Luke 17:11-37 – How is your thankfulness spirit these days? So often we “think” thank you to others without thanking them. We do the same with God. Start today by thanking God for everything in your life and your day and then determine to thank every person you come into contact with - very specifically and out loud.

Thursday, April 16 – Luke 18:1-17 – How is your humility spirit these days? Is there someone that you look down on or think you are better than? Or do you have a challenge seeing yourself as valuable? Repent of both spirits and make them right either by seeking out the person you despise and seeking forgiveness or cutting yourself the slack that God cuts you. Talk to God as if He likes you ('cuz He does no matter what your faults!).

Friday, April 17 – Luke 18:18-43 – How is your generosity spirit these days? God consistently admonishes us to be just like Him. What is His favorite trait as revealed throughout the Bible? It is generosity and being the Giver of Good Gifts. Prayerfully seek to be generous to all with whom you come into contact today – tip big, buy the coffee, give to the needed request, consider becoming a person who tithes. Talk to God about it.

Saturday, April 18 – Luke 19:1-27 – How is your servant spirit these days? God has given you talents to be used to bless others. Are you using them to serve others or do you demand to get paid for all your efforts? Invest your talent in the Kingdom of God today by using your talent to bless someone with no expectation of return. Invest your talent in the future by asking God how you can use your talent in consistent ministry.

Sunday, April 19 – Luke 15:1-32 – Journal in the space below what you gave to God to fix, forgive, handle, and miraculously heal. List out what you heard from Him this week.

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