

Walking in Christ's Light
Daily Prayer Journal
November 2-7, 2009

*Growing our souls is a partnership with Christ.
To enable your soul's growth, use this material with Christ as your guide.*

Next Week's Sermon

Scripture: Mark 13:1-8 (www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=mark+13:1-8)

Theme: God's Truth with Triumph

Sermon: "The Secular Society/The Spiritual Culture"

Question: What choices do I need to make to live a spiritual life?

MONDAY **11-2-09**

Read: Matthew 5:33-37 (www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=matthew+5:33-37)

Prayer: (A prayer from the Christian Church of Kenya) "From the cowardice that dare not face new truth; from the laziness that is content with half truth; from the arrogance that thinks it knows all truth; Good Lord, deliver me! Amen

Journal Reflection: Jesus urges you to live your life so truthfully that all you have to say is "yes" or "no" and people will believe you. Yes, that means making sure what you say is accurate and clear. With Jesus help, you can live straight up, without slipping and sliding around. Make a commitment today that for this week (and more) you will choose to speak the truth with Christ like love in all your relationships. When you are tempted to shade the truth, breath a prayer and ask for God's courage to speak only the truth.

Resolve: I will be a truth filled follower of Christ!

TUESDAY **11-3-09**

Read: Exodus 20:16 (www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=exodus+20:16)

Prayer: Jesus, friend of widows and orphans, Your presence exposes injustice. Your Spirit charges us to stand up for those people who are unfairly treated. Kind Teacher, in Your wisdom, show me how to be a faithful servant. Point me to those who need Your care and give me the strength to provide for their needs. May I be the kind of person who is transparent in all that I do so that You are praised and glorified in and through me. Amen

Journal Reflection: Words spoken falsely in court can condemn an innocent person. Words spoken falsely in a family can condemn a child or spouse to a life of torment. Words spoken falsely in a school or business can be considered soul rape. Your words can be powerful instruments of healing or of harming. Be careful how you speak of, and to, persons this week. Choose to affirm persons in every way you can.

Resolve: My words will be linked with God's words of peace or I will be silent.

WEDNESDAY **11-4-09**

Read: Psalm 16 (www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=psalm+16)

Prayer: Holy God, I confess that I am asleep at times, numb to Your work within me and within my world. I have ignored You and I have run from the places where I might learn from You. Teach me, now and for all of my life to find my source of energy for life from You and You alone. Teach me that the barren places of life are where hope grows. Teach me to tend my heart so that I am constantly aware of Your love flowing within me. Amen

Journal Reflection: The summary verse of this Psalm (vs.16) reminds us of God's blessings given to those who faithfully follow. When you choose to be one of God's faithful children, then you are blessed with guidance on the path of life (not death), a fullness of joy (even in the midst of tragic times), and the promise that you will be with the Lord forevermore (not just for a season). What a promise God gives to you through this Psalm. Give thanks today for all of the many blessings you receive from God on a daily basis!

Resolve: I choose to follow God's way, no matter who might choose differently.

THURSDAY 11-5-09

Read: I Samuel 1:4-20 (www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=i+samuel+1:4-20)

Prayer: Gracious and Giving God, create in me a heart for doing your work. Make me reckless, extravagant, and effusive in my giving. Enable me to see that all I have is a gift, even an undeserved gift from You. Help me to release my tight grip on Your property so that I can share Your good gifts with others in Your name. May I be so bold to ask, Lord Jesus, that You fill up my heart with love for others. Amen

Journal Reflection: Hannah loved and trusted the Lord God. She was willing to pour out her heart to God no matter who might be watching. Bringing her burden to the Lord was the natural thing for her to do. She knew God would answer and God did. Give yourself permission today to follow Hannah's lead. If you are carrying a life burden, take it to the Lord and seek God's wisdom. Then, trust in God and God will not fail to respond. The promises of God are real. The blessings of God await those persons who will actually connect with God. Practice the presence of God today and receive God's blessings!

Resolve: I put my trust in God and God alone.

FRIDAY 11-6-09

Read: Hebrews 10:11-25 (www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=hebrews+10:11-25)

Prayer: Holy Spirit, give me the grace to put my trust in You each day. I know that You can do for me what I cannot do for myself. Save me from my own foolishness. Grant me peace from my feverish attempts to save myself. Help me to rest secure in Your strong love for me and all humankind. Amen

Journal Reflection: The writer to the Hebrews challenges you to persevere in your faith no matter what is stacked against you. Hold onto your hope! Stir up others to do deeds of love! Encourage others to worship together on a regular basis! And, do not forget that the Day of the Lord approaches when you will know the joy of being with Jesus Christ. You are forgiven for a purpose. You are to be a witness of God's amazing grace. Today, let the Holy Spirit guide you into sharing God's 'no-strings attached love' with someone. Be willing to put aside your ego and share God's love with passion and with grace.

Resolve: I am willing to persevere for Christ against all odds.

SATURDAY 11-7-09

Read: Mark 13:1-8 (www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=mark+13:1-8)

Prayer: O God, right now I want to wake up. I am ready to care for the seeds of newness You are planting within me. I am ready for Your new order You are bringing into my world. I want to feel Your new life in mine and sense Your work in Your creation. I know that the old will pass away. I trust Your presence to be with me through the birth pangs of a new season of my life. Amen

Journal Reflection: Jesus reminds you that even the most beautiful of buildings are finite. The most creative works of human hands are finite. Nothing we make, nothing we seek to preserve can be cared for eternally. There is only one Eternal God. There is only One who controls time! I urge you to place your faith and trust in the One, Jesus Christ who is able to see you through even the most tumultuous of times.

Resolve: I put my life in the hands of Jesus! I trust Him completely.