

appnotes

DAY **READ TITUS 3:3-7**

1

Only you know who you are behind closed doors. Well, you and one other person. God knows the you that no one else sees. He sees every selfish motive, sordid fantasy, angry outburst, and jealous impulse. But you know what? Instead of being repulsed, God runs to our rescue. God loved us enough to extend His goodness and kindness in the only way that could save us from our sin: the death of His Son on a cross. We could never do enough good to outweigh all our bad, even the best of us. All we can do is accept the free gift that God has offered to us in His Son Jesus. He took our place on that cross and paid the price for our sin because we couldn't. Now He extends the gift of eternal life to you. Have you accepted His gift?

DAY **READ 1 JOHN 3:1**

2

Do you ever feel like God just tolerates you? That He saved you and loves you because that's what God has to do? Maybe He's only putting up with your small prayers and minor stuff out of obligation? Aren't there bigger things in this world for Him to worry about like war and poverty? We might think that we're a bother until we remember that God is our Father. He chose to make us His children. We aren't just one of millions to Him. We are one in a million! We are His sons and daughters. The love a parent has for his child is intense and selfless. God proved that love to us at the cross. He selflessly laid down His life so that we could spend forever with Him. He longs for you, His child, to come to Him freely and confidently.

DAY **READ HEBREWS 12:1-3**

3

Did you know it's impossible to walk in a straight line if you're blindfolded? Try it. Your laughing friends will tell you that you're walking in circles. If you want to walk straight, your eyes must be open and fixed on something ahead of you. If we want to avoid getting sidetracked by all the sin and stuff that the world has to offer, we have to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus. The cross proves that God's heart toward us is good. The next time you're tempted to get sidetracked, trust His truth over the allure of sin. Stop walking in circles and fix your eyes on Jesus.

DAY READ 1 JOHN 1:8-10

4

Who likes to admit their wrong? When we've wronged someone, confessing that to them wounds our pride and leaves us vulnerable. We are at their mercy and risk rejection and hurt. It takes humility to confess our sin to God, but we don't have to fear getting hurt. Just like a parent asking a child with crumbs around his mouth if he took the cookie from the jar, God knows our sin and still wants to hear from us. Something about confession clears the air and begins the process of restoring the relationship. Is there something you've been scared to confess to God? Don't be! God is eagerly waiting to enjoy your company again.

DAY READ 1 CORINTHIANS 15:9-10

5

Most of us have been taught that hard work pays off. If we put in the effort, we'll get the expected outcome. If we study hard, we'll get the grade. If we put in the overtime, we'll get the promotion. That philosophy doesn't get the same results with God. He's already done the work we couldn't do by dying for us on the cross for our sins. In extending that grace to us, He's given us the motivation to work hard, to do good. But instead of doing it all to earn our salvation, salvation is what compels us to do good. Jesus has given us life free of charge. It is now our joy to live that life for Him.

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