



DAY 1 READ 2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17

1

Ann Lotz, daughter of Billy Graham, recounts in her book, *The Daniel Prayer*, how at eight years old she made a commitment to Christ. By age nine she had read through the entire Bible. At age fifteen while in chapel listening to a Yale divinity professor, she became disturbed by his message. When he stated that there was a god for the Old Testament, a god for the New Testament, and a different god for today, she jumped to her feet and interrupted, “That’s not what the Bible says. The scriptures say that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.” Ann knew her Bible. She believed what it said. She could distinguish truth from error at an early age. We live in a world where personal opinions have replaced godly principles. How can we tell the difference? By studying His Word.

DAY 2 READ PSALM 119: 129-136

2

If you look on the ingredient list for Vitamin Water you’ll see an impressive list: 100% daily value of vitamin C, niacin, B6 and B12, plus electrolytes. One blurb says “it tastes better than a screen saver of a tropical island looks.” A bottle of Tropical Mango Vitamin Water may quench your thirst, but what’s going to refresh your soul? The psalmist knew. He prayed that God would teach him His statutes. He searched for the Word like a much needed drink of water. Why? Because the unfolding of God’s Word gives us light and understanding so we can navigate in this world. God’s Word satisfies a thirst that cannot be satisfied any other way.

DAY 3 READ 1 JOHN 1:1-4

3

Eyewitness accounts carry a lot of weight in a court of law. They speak truth about something. When we listen to some else’s experience, we are impacted in a way that secondhand telling can’t give us. John emphasizes that he had firsthand knowledge about Jesus. He lived with Him, walked with Him, and saw Him alive after the resurrection. John wanted others to know Jesus the way he knew Him, to have fellowship with Him and with His other followers in a personal way. He also called Jesus the Word

of Life. He knew that His actions and words would continue speaking to us long after He ascended into heaven. We can have fellowship with Jesus when we study His Word. His Word is truth. makes them stop and say, “Wow! That’s not how people usually respond. What’s different about you?” Who can you surprise with a respectful response today?

DAY **READ 2 TIMOTHY 4:6-8**

4

Millions of people will play the lottery this week, hoping to strike it rich. But can we leave our future up to chance? Paul obeyed God and completed every assignment He gave him. Paul knew he would soon be going home to be with the Lord and that a great reward awaited. He also knew that everyone who has loved, and longed for and welcomed His coming would be granted honor as well. Why waste time on the lottery when we can prepare for a heavenly prize? When we dig into God’s Word, we strike gold. When we follow Him, we receive a treasure that cannot be taken away.

DAY **READ JOHN 3:16-17**

5

We have heard John 3:16 so many times it can be hard to grasp the impact of what it says. From start to finish, it involves trust. God trusted that when He sent Jesus into the world, Jesus would obey and go to the cross. Jesus trusted his Father, that what looked like tragedy would turn to triumph in the resurrection. He also trusted that people would receive the gift of salvation He offered them when He shed his blood. It also involves love. God loves us so much, He made the ultimate sacrifice of his Son. Jesus loves us so much, He died for us. What can we give in return for this priceless offering? We can give God our wholehearted trust and love.

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