



## DAY 1 JAMES 4:13-17

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When we make our plans, it is good to remember that our life is like a vapor that quickly fades away. The Bible has a lot to say concerning careful planning, hard work, and individual responsibility. It also doesn't shy away from topics like charity, compassion, sympathy and kindness. Don't put off generosity until you are more financially secure, act now because you aren't guaranteed tomorrow. Charity can take the form of money, time, a kind word, or a helping hand to someone who is hurting. Compassion might be a prayer that no one will ever know was uttered. Remember the only investments that will outlast you are those that you make in others.

## DAY 2 LUKE 14:12-14

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Motivation matters. In this parable, Jesus reminds us that we should be generous to those who don't deserve it because, after all, that is what God has done for us! He has enveloped us with His love, and the more we understand God's undeserved favor, the more we can extend that love to others, free from pride or the hope of recognition. No one should be more generous than someone who has experienced God's grace. So what do we get for our generous spirit? We experience the satisfaction of knowing that we are helping people find the way back to God and are building an inheritance that will outlast this life!

## DAY 3 MATTHEW 6:1-4

# 3

Everyone wants to have a good reputation, but how important is it that people think well of you? Are you consumed by winning the approval of others? The way we live is significant, but we should be careful that our goal is to make God famous, and not ourselves. That's why Jesus tells us that when we give, we ought to do it privately. That way, those who benefit will thank God and not us. Otherwise, we may miss out on the good God has in store for us. So, what can you do this Christmas to turn someone's head towards heaven?

## DAY HEBREWS 12:1-3

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A cross-country runner must learn the course before the race. Otherwise, he won't know how to reach the finish line. The same principle applies to life. As followers of Jesus, we must know our course so we can finish our race. There will be twists and turns and hills to climb. We will get tired, and at times we'll want to quit. So how can we keep going? One step at a time! When Jesus came to earth, He knew His course would take Him to the cross. He endured every hardship to bring us back to God, and He is our example. Now we can run light by shedding the baggage of our past and fixing our eyes on Jesus. Winning the race of life does not depend on our strength but rather our faith. Today, run light and keep your eyes on Jesus.

## DAY 2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-15

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I love verse 15 when Paul writes, "Thank God for this gift, too wonderful for words!" Paul makes it plain. God wants you to be rich! He tells us that if we have prospered in this world, the goal is to be rich to others. What is this gift? It's the gift of giving! God provides for our needs so we can do the same for others. Even if you think that you don't have much to give, remember God isn't interested in the amount, He is more concerned with your attitude. When we plant generosity, we always harvest blessing. God provides for us so that in turn, we can meet the needs of others! When we give, God gets the glory, and we get to be a part of changing the world! Whose world will you impact this Christmas?

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