

100 DAYS *of* *Prayer*

Daily Devotional

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TAKING UP THE CROSS

Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me."

LUKE 9:23

When Jesus addressed his disciples, he warned them that each one must, "take up his cross daily, and follow me." Christ's message was clear: In order to follow him, Christ's disciples must deny themselves and, instead, trust him completely. Nothing has changed since then.

When we have been saved by Christ, we can, if we choose, become passive Christians. We can sit back, secure in our own salvation, and let other believers spread the healing message of Jesus. But instead, we are commanded to become disciples of the One who has saved us.

Do you seek to fulfill God's purpose for your life? Then follow Christ. Follow him by picking up his cross today and every day that you live. Then, you will quickly discover that Christ's love has the power to change everything, including you.



GOD'S GUIDANCE

*The LORD makes firm the steps of the one
who delights in him.*

PSALM 37:23

Want to know a great truth about God? God is intensely interested in each of us, and he will guide our steps if we serve him obediently.

When we sincerely offer heartfelt prayers to our heavenly Father, he will give direction and meaning to our lives—but he won't force us to follow him. To the contrary, God has given us the free will to follow his commandments . . . or not.

When we stray from God's commandments, we invite bitter consequences. But, when we follow his commandments, and when we genuinely and humbly seek his will, he touches our hearts and leads us on the path of his choosing.

Will you trust God to guide your steps? You should. When you entrust your life to him completely and without reservation, God will give you the strength to meet any challenge, the courage to face any trial, and the wisdom to live in his righteousness and in his peace. So trust him today and seek his guidance. When you do, your next step will be the right one.



In our tense, uptight society where folks are rushing to make appointments they have already missed, a good laugh can be as refreshing as a cup of cold water in the desert.

BARBARA JOHNSON

Being busy, in and of itself, is not a sin. But being busy in an endless pursuit of things that leave us empty and hollow and broken inside—that cannot be pleasing to God.

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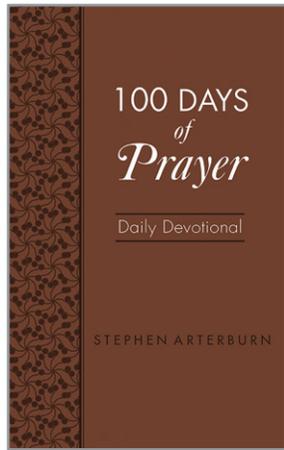
We often become mentally and spiritually barren because we're so busy.

FRANKLIN GRAHAM

TODAY'S PRAYER

Dear Lord, when the quickening pace of life leaves me with little time for worship or for praise, help me to reorder my priorities, and let me turn to Jesus for the peace that only he can give.

Amen.



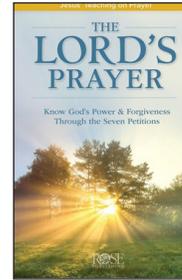
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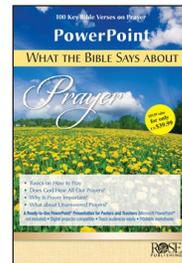
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