

## **THINGS TO DO EVERY DAY: Christian Character in Action: Lesson 24**

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### **PRAISE THE LORD DAILY SO I CAN PERFORM MY VOWS** (Psalm 61:8)

Have you ever made a vow to God? Have you told God, *"I WILL do this, Lord; I promise I will?"* It is better to NOT make that vow if you are not determined to keep it (Ecclesiastes 5:4-5).

Things Christians might vow to God:

- "God, I'll be a WITNESS for you." "Lord, I will PRAY every day." "Lord, I will GIVE." "Lord, I'll go where you want me to go."
- "Lord, I will look for opportunities to encourage a brother or sister in Christ."
- "Lord, I WON'T commit that SIN anymore. I won't yield to that LUST anymore. I won't disobey you anymore."

According to Psalm 61:8, you will fail to perform your vows if you are not praising God daily.

### **REMEMBER THAT GOD DAILY LOADS US WITH BENEFITS** (Psalm 68:19)

Your company contract might list 5 to 10 benefits on 5 to 10 pages. But it took God 66 books in the Bible to outline all the benefits He has for you.

- GUARANTEED health insurance! **"For this corruptible must put on incorruption."** 1 Corinthians 15:53.
- GUARANTEED life insurance! **"And this mortal must put on immortality."**
- Cost of living allowances! **"My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."** Phil. 4:19.
- Old age pension. **"They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing."** (Ps 92:14). **"I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread."** (Psalm 37:25)
- Childcare. **"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."** (Proverbs 22:6)

God is so good to us that we're getting lazy and fat and sick.

- We have a car to drive or a transport service.
- We have an air conditioned place to live.
- Food in the refrigerator. Food in the cupboards. Money in the bank for more food and to buy things we don't even need.
- We can buy affordable Bibles on the internet or in the book store.

We fail to thank God for his daily blessings.

- The ability to see and read; to walk and think and work.
- The food and clothing that he provides our family.
- Eternal life, a home in heaven, the Word of God in our possession.

### **PRAY FOR GOD TO PRESERVE YOU IN YOUR WAY** (Psalm 86:1-4)

The born again child of God has eternal life. We are eternally preserved. But while we are here on this earth, we may lose our way. We need God to preserve our Christian walk so we don't quit on Him.

- Many Christians quit preaching, witnessing, passing out tracts, going to church, serving the Lord.
- These are Christians who loved God just like you love Him now. They were just as spiritual as you are.
- Don't ever assume *"It can never happen to me! I love God!"* It can happen! Pray for the Lord to keep you in the right way.

### **PRAY UNTO GOD FOR HELP IN TROUBLE** (Psalm 88:9)

There are many things in this world that can bring trouble to a Christian and put them in danger. We'd better trust God and pray to Him daily to protect us from these things.

- Governments or Religious organizations that would like to remove your Christian freedoms.
- Wicked and vile people that would like to corrupt or harm your children.
- Germs and diseases that we are exposed to every day.

## **PRAY FOR YOUR DAILY PROVISION** (Matthew 6:9-11)

Why should Christians pray for their daily provisions?

- You could lose your health, your strength, or your job and not be able to earn an income to buy food.
- God could send a drought to dry up all the food. There is already evidence of diminishing food supplies in America.

## **TAKE UP YOUR CROSS DAILY** (Luke 9:23)

If you are going to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, you will HAVE to take up your cross DAILY.

- Every day your old nature will OPPOSE your spiritual walk with God and your attempts to grow in grace.
- Every day your old nature will try to get you to pay attention to your physical needs and desires.
  - You are going to have to DENY the flesh DAILY.
  - You also need to remember that your spouse still has his/her old nature that will be selfish.
    - So you'll need to deny your feelings of resentment and selfishness and revenge and determine that you are going to love and care and be kind no matter what your spouse does.
  - Everyone we know has an old nature.
    - So we're going to have to learn to live with hurt feelings, insults, rejection, mistreatment, and not getting our way. Deny yourself, take up your cross, follow Jesus every single day.

## **TELL SOMEBODY ABOUT THE LORD JESUS CHRIST DAILY** (Acts 5:42)

Every day we ought to be telling somebody the truth about Jesus Christ. This doesn't necessarily mean that we are out soul-winning; trying to lead them to receive Christ. We simply declare the truth about the Lord.

- If you will determine to begin this practice, it will become second nature; it will come naturally through repetition.

## **SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES DAILY** (Acts 17:10-11)

If people would get up every morning and search the Holy Bible the way most people daily search the unholly newspaper, there would be a revival across the land! If you want to read something that will do you some good and help you out, you need to search the SCRIPTURES!

- You ought to READ your Bible daily. But this verse tells us that it's better to SEARCH the Scriptures every day!
  - Search for wisdom like you would search for gold, silver, or precious jewels.
- "How much better is it to get wisdom than gold! and to get understanding rather to be chosen than silver!" Prov. 16:16

## **CONTEND WITH INFIDELS DAILY** (Acts 19:9)

Every day you will hear somebody say something that is not the truth. It is your responsibility to point out to them their error, according to the Word of God.

- If you know somebody is lying or deceiving others, challenge them!
- Don't be unkind. Just speak the truth. Revealing truth is an act of love.

## **SPEND TIME WITH AND EXHORT OTHER BELIEVERS TO PREVENT SIN** (Hebrews 3:13)

We live in a sinful world. If we're not careful, the influence of the society we live in and the ungodly people we interface with can harden our heart and give us a careless attitude toward sin.

- We need to make sure we are fellowshiping with other believers EVERY DAY so our hearts aren't hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.
- Christians are supposed to EXHORT one another. Encourage the good. Discourage the bad.