

# DAY 6

**Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged.**

**1 Corinthians 13:4-5 NLT**

Oftentimes, when we think about the people we want in our lives, we focus on all the things we want them to be for us. But, how much time do we spend thinking about the kind of person we want to be to those around us? It's easy to look at the mistakes of others and judge them harshly for what they can get better at. But what if, instead of focusing on others, we focused on the work we are to do when it comes to love? Where could we be more patient or less jealous and boastful?

**Today ask God to show you ways to improve in each of these areas so you can love like God.**

# DAY 7

**Memory Verse: The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life. John 10:10 NLT**

It's so important to be aware of the thief's strategy against you because he really does want the worse for you. This is a reminder of how important it is to depend on the Lord for strength and wisdom. Know that, with Jesus, a rich and satisfying life is possible! If your life isn't truly rich and satisfying (not just momentarily), let this verse remind you to look to the True source.

**Ways to help you memorize this verse:**

- 1. Write the first letter of every word in the verse on your hand and when you look down, repeat the verse to yourself!**
- 2. Listen to the verse on repeat when you're brushing your teeth in the morning.**

# DAILY DEVOTIONAL

FOR AN  
**everyday faith.**

THE ONE / WEEK 1

HIGH SCHOOL

# DAY 1

**Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Colossians 3:12 NIV**

To be chosen is a great feeling. Whether it's being chosen for a team or for a homecoming date, it's so nice to feel like a coach, or your crush, has seen you and picked you. But what's even more amazing is that the God who created the entire universe has chosen YOU. You are chosen to be part of God's family, to be part of God's work, and to be part of God's purpose. Just like you'd put on something specific for a game or homecoming dance, there are things children of God, should put on as we follow God — things like compassion, kindness, humility.

**What can you do this week to make sure you're putting on these qualities so others know what God's chosen looks like?**

# DAY 2

**But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things! Galatians 5:22-23 NLT**

Sometimes the Bible can feel complicated. Other times, it's pretty straightforward. In this letter to the Galatians, the apostle Paul tells followers of Jesus that the Holy Spirit works to produce fruit in our lives as we follow Jesus. In other words, the Spirit of God is in us to make us more like Jesus. How do we become more like Jesus? By demonstrating the same qualities He did: we live lives full of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Living like Jesus can be challenging, but we have a roadmap for what that looks like.

**Today, pray and ask God to show you ways you can grow in these traits and become more like Jesus.**

## DAY 3

For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love.

**2 Peter 1:5-7 NIV**

In this verse Peter tells followers of Jesus that our faith in Him is just the beginning—meaning, we build on it. Faith is a foundation, but it isn't the end. On faith we build goodness, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, mutual affection and love. In other words, a relationship with Jesus is a journey. Faith is just the beginning, but as we spend time with Jesus, the more we begin to resemble Him and take on the characteristics Peter mentions. Eventually, we work towards the one thing Jesus said mattered more than any other commandment: Love.

**Today, spend some time asking God what you need to build on next in your faith journey and work on doing that.**

## DAY 4

Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds their house on solid rock.

**Matthew 7:24 NLT**

Imagine standing on the ground. With two feet down, you're pretty stable, right? If someone came over and pushed you, you might stumble back, but it's possible you wouldn't fall. Now imagine standing on some bleachers. With less space to stand on, if pushed, you're far more likely to fall down and risk injury. That is the difference between not just knowing the right and wise thing to do, but actually doing it. Knowing what to do doesn't make you more stable and healthy. Putting it into practice does.

**As you go about your week, pray for the wisdom not only to know how God wants you to live, but also the courage to do it.**

## DAY 5

For the whole law can be summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

**Galatians 5:14 NLT**

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Simple. Wouldn't it be nice if everything was just simpler? In this world life rarely feels very simple. There is always something going on. Everywhere we turn there's something new. In the midst of the crazy, sometimes we forget that what we really need to do, and focus on, is something very simple.

When asked what the greatest commandment was, Jesus responded with love. We are called to love our God with all our heart, and our neighbors as ourselves. In Galatians, the apostle Paul repeats what Jesus says and reminds Jesus' followers how important loving our neighbors is. Loving others makes God happy. Not only that, but it will actually make us happy as well. Loving others makes you feel good.

For one year me and my friend decided to do one random act of kindness for someone at our school every week. Let

me tell you, it feels really good to see someone's face light up when you do something for them.

God loves each and every person we will encounter throughout our lives. God wants us to learn to love everyone as God loves us. We will never get it perfect, but if we keep our eyes on God and keep practicing, we can get better at it with each passing day.

**This week, I challenge you to do one act of kindness for someone every day this week.**