

# A 5-DAY BIBLE STUDY ON LIVING FOR GOD



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In the modern day, it can feel as though everything is distracting us from God. Instead of taking time for God, we are scrolling endlessly on social media. Spending endless hours on social media is not going to help our spiritual growth in any way. Rather than continuing to live in a state where we are indifferent to the Lord, we need to start getting more involved in our relationship with Him. Sadly, most of us lose the motivation to grow in our walk with Jesus a few months to a few years after we first accepted Him.

While this is common, we don't need to allow it to happen to us. We need to try to seek out the same spiritual fervor we had at the start and begin living for God again. Chances are, we did live for God at the beginning of our Christian walk, but we fell off track due to a lack of discipleship and independent growth. This is understandable, but we have to take the right steps now to truly start living for God in our everyday lives.





If you are not sure where to start, a great place is doing this Bible study. It is a 5-day Bible study where we will be focused on living for God.

Rather than allowing the world to consume our time, we will start living for God with our entire hearts. At the end of the Bible study, there will be a prayer to sum up what we have learned over the course of the five days.



# *DAY ONE*: CHOOSING TO FOLLOW GOD INSTEAD OF THE WORLD

*“You adulterous people, don’t you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.”*

*- James 4:4*



If we choose to follow the world instead of God, we are choosing to be a friend of the world. From James 4:4, we see that friendship with the world is hatred towards God. None of us can be friends with both the world and God. I have seen many Christians try to do this, only to start being one with the world rather than fully obeying God. It is a dangerous game to play and one that should be avoided.

Instead of being a friend to the world, we need to be a friend to God. God is the One who has redeemed us, saved us, and given us eternal life. He is our best friend, our comforter, and our protector. Why should we choose the world over God when He loves us? The world doesn't love us nor does it do anything for our benefit. Rather than truly being there for us and helping us in our time of need, it exploits us, hurts us, and causes us to question our worth.

If we are truly going to follow God and live for Him, we have to turn away from the world. Even though the world tries to trick us with its flashy and sparkling lies, we have to turn away from it. The world doesn't want what's best for us. It wants us to fall into sin and turn away from God. As with everything, we have to make a choice. We have to choose whether we are going to live for God or live for the world.

By choosing the former, we will truly have a wonderful life and eternal blessings in Heaven. However, if we choose to live in accordance with the world and live for our own sinful flesh, we will see our lives deteriorate. Living in accordance with sin will never result in good. While the choice is ultimately up to every individual, the best choice is to choose to follow and live for God. God truly cares about us—the world does not.

## CHALLENGE QUESTIONS

- Who are you currently living for? The world or God?
- If you are living for the world, what can you do to change this?
- Living for God will bring about the most beautiful blessings and happiness. What are you most looking forward to when you switch to following God and living for Him?



## *DAY TWO: BEING INTENTIONAL IN OUR WALK WITH JESUS*

*“Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.”*

*- Ephesians 5:15-16*



If we are going to live for God, we are going to have to be intentional. Living for God means being obedient to the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. We can be obedient to the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit by obeying the Bible. By reading the Bible and being active in prayer, we will be intentional in our walk with Jesus. Being intentional means we go out of our way to follow the Lord and fully obey Him.



The Apostle Paul tells us in Ephesians 5:15-16 that we need to be careful in the way we live. We need to live wisely and make the most of every opportunity. When Paul says the days are evil, he is referring to the fact that the world is going to become more wicked with time. The world is under the control of the devil, which explains why living for God is so difficult (2 Corinthians 4:4). We can best combat this issue by living intentionally for God.

In everything we do, we need to be wise. Every day, we need to be intentional to live wisely for God and bring praise to His Name. We can make the most of every opportunity by living in a way that helps others come to know Jesus, sharing the Gospel, and being active with other believers. All of these things can help us live with purpose.

Rather than being indifferent to our calling as followers of the Lord, we need to be intentional. Being intentional in our walk with Jesus means we help the lost come to know Him. Whether we are on the mission field or in our own neighborhood, we are called to help the lost hear the gospel (Matthew 28:18-20). We will truly be intentional in our walk with the Lord by following Him, helping others know Him, and serving Him wholeheartedly.

## CHALLENGE QUESTIONS

- How can you be intentional in your walk with Jesus this week?
- Do you think anything is preventing you from intentionally following Jesus? If there is, how can you ensure this does not prevent you from following Him?
- How can you make the most of every opportunity today?

## *DAY THREE: STAYING MOTIVATED & FIGHTING THE GOOD FIGHT*

*“Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.”*

*- 1 Timothy 6:12*



Let's focus on the aspect of staying motivated and fighting the good fight for the Lord. Through 1 Timothy 6:12, Paul tells Timothy that he needs to fight the good fight of the faith and to take hold of the eternal life to which he was called. Just as Paul tells this to Timothy, it also applies to us. There is no time to waste in fruitless deeds or ignorant bliss. We need to stay motivated and fight the good fight of the faith.

We cannot do this apart from turning to God for help. Whenever we are struggling with motivation or staying faithful to God, we need to turn to Him for help in prayer. Being active in prayer and Bible reading will help our relationship with Him to grow and flourish. We will be more apt to go to Him when we are struggling in life, and He will help us. A simple prayer, such as, “Please God, help me with motivation,” or “Please God, help me to fight the good fight of the faith,” is more than enough.

God hears all of our prayers and will answer them according to His will. He will equip us with everything we need to fight the good fight. Through His strength, power, and grace, we will be able to live faithfully for Him and stay motivated. There will be times when we will struggle, but we can always turn back to God. He never loses patience with us, nor will He turn a deaf ear to our prayers.

Instead, He will help us stay motivated and fight the good fight of faith. Our lives are not for ourselves—our lives are to serve the Lord. From the moment we place faith in Jesus, we are devoting our lives to Him. We don't need to fall back or lose the faith we had in the Lord at the beginning (Hebrews 10:39). By pressing forward, we will be able to grow, mature, and flourish as followers of the Lord.

## CHALLENGE QUESTIONS

- Do you struggle with staying motivated when it comes to living for God? Why or why not?
- Are you currently fighting the good fight of the faith? If not, how can you change this?
- What are a few tangible ways you can fight the good fight of the faith this week?

## *DAY FOUR : LIVING FOR THE WILL OF GOD*

*“As a result, they do not live the rest of their earthly lives for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God. For you have spent enough time in the past doing what pagans choose to do—living in debauchery, lust, drunkenness, orgies, carousing and detestable idolatry.”*

*- 1 Peter 4:2-3*



If we are going to live for God, we are going to have to abandon evil human desires. We have spent enough time in the past doing these things. It is time to turn away from these practices and truly start living in accordance with the will of God. Living in accordance with the will of God means that we obey Him and follow His teachings in the Bible.

No longer will we live in accordance with the sinful flesh. By giving up these sinful behaviors, we will be able to walk with the Lord. However, if we neglect to live in accordance with the will of God, there will be repercussions. Many negative things will happen in our lives if we are outside of the will of God. Therefore, we need to watch our steps and follow God in everything we do instead of following the sinful flesh.

## CHALLENGE QUESTIONS

- Are you currently living within the will of God? Why or why not?
- Is living within the will of God difficult? What are some steps you can take to make it easier?
- What do you think your life will look like once you give up the sinful desires of the flesh?



## *DAY FIVE : IT IS CHRIST WHO LIVES IN ME*

*“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”*

*- Galatians 2:20*



From the moment we place faith in Jesus, He lives inside of us. The life we live is no longer for ourselves—it is for Jesus. With this in mind, we need to propel ourselves to live for Him. We live by faith in the Lord, who loves us and has given Himself up for us. Salvation is only possible because of the Lord and the great sacrifice He made to bring us back to Him.

Rather than living for our own sinful flesh, we need to live for Jesus. He truly only wants what is best for us and we can trust Him with our lives. Even though there will still be difficult times, He can bring beauty from the pain. Choose to trust Him with this new season of life and start living for Jesus out of the love you have for Him.



## CHALLENGE QUESTIONS

- Do you live for Christ or for yourself?
- How might your life look different if you were living for Christ?
- What is holding you back from allowing Jesus to start this new season in your life?

# *END OF STUDY PRAYER*

“Dear God, please help me to truly live for You. I have struggled at times, but now I am fully devoted to You. Help me to follow You instead of the world, to be intentional in my walk with You, and to stay motivated and fight the good fight of the faith. Thank You, Amen.”





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