# Following Jesus Fully: Lessons from the Rich Young Ruler



Explore what holds us back from fully following Jesus by reflecting on the story of the Rich Young Ruler and God's call to surrender.





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#### Introduction

Welcome to this 21-day journey, where we delve into one of the most compelling encounters recorded in the Gospels — the story of the Rich Young Ruler. This passage challenges us to examine the things that hold us back from following Jesus with our whole hearts, even the "good" things in our lives. It invites us to confront our attachments, our compromises, and our understanding of what it truly means to follow Christ.

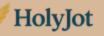
Often, we assume that as long as we live a moral or good life, we are fully walking with Jesus. However, the story of the Rich Young Ruler highlights how even wealth, status, and admirable qualities can become barriers to full surrender. Jesus doesn't just call for rules or moral behavior; He calls for a radical, all-encompassing loyalty that transforms every area of life.

Throughout these 21 days, we'll explore Scripture passages, reflect on personal areas where "good" things might be holding us back, and discover how the gospel invites us into freedom and fullness of life. Each day includes a devotional, reflection questions, journaling prompts, and a prayer to deepen your walk with God.

As you engage with this study, be open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. Confess honestly, listen attentively, and receive God's grace as you respond in faith. Remember, following Jesus fully is a journey, one step at a time, with the One who loves you unconditionally.







May this time enrich your understanding and empower you to embrace the abundant life Jesus offers when we let go of what holds us back, no matter how "good" it seems.

















#### Your Verse

Mark 10:17–22 NIV – "As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him..."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Matthew 19:16–22 NIV "A man asked Jesus, 'Teacher, what good thing must I do to get eternal life?"
- Luke 18:18–23 NIV "A certain ruler asked him, 'Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"







# Devotional: When Good Isn't Enough

Today we open the door to a powerful story where a wealthy young man approaches Jesus with a serious question: "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" At first glance, his question seems straightforward and earnest. He is searching for truth and eternal security, yet the encounter reveals deeper issues about the heart.

The Rich Young Ruler represents those of us who live moral, upright lives but still fall short of total surrender. Jesus' response invites him to sell all, give to the poor, and follow Him. This challenges the ruler's attachment to his wealth and possibly his identity tied to material success.

We can ask ourselves, "What are the things I am unwilling to release, even if I believe in Jesus?" Sometimes "good" things like career stability, reputation, or even our comfort zones can hinder our wholehearted following of Christ. Jesus is not calling us to abandon goodness but to prioritize Him above all.

As we begin, reflect on your own life with honesty. What questions do you hope Jesus will answer? Where might the story of this man speak to your heart today?







# Reflect and Apply

	What good things in my life might be hindering my full surrender to Jesus?
2.	How do I react when Jesus calls me to give up something important to follow Him?
3.	In what ways am I like the Rich Young Ruler in my spiritual journey?







# **Journaling Prompts**

	Write about a time when following Jesus felt challenging because of what you had to give up.
2.	List the things in your life that you struggle to fully surrender to God.
3.	Describe what eternal life means to you personally.







# Prayer for Today

**Lord Jesus,** thank You for meeting me where I am and asking me to follow You fully. Help me to recognize the things I cling to that keep me from surrendering wholeheartedly. Give me strength to let go of anything that holds me back, even if it seems good or important. Teach me to trust in Your grace above all else and to walk confidently in the life You invite me into. *Lead me daily to choose You over all else.* Amen.

















#### Your Verse

Mark 10:23–25 NIV – "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!"

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- 1 Timothy 6:10 NIV "For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil."
- Matthew 6:19–21 NIV "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth..."







## Devotional: When Wealth Holds You Captive

Jesus' words about wealth are sobering: "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." While wealth itself is not sinful, the danger lies in its power to ensnare our hearts and attention.

Possessions can provide comfort, security, and identity, but they can also imprison us spiritually. The Rich Young Ruler loved his possessions more than he loved following Jesus fully, and that held him back. This passage challenges us to consider what role money and material things play in our lives.

Are we keeping God at the center, or are our possessions becoming a false god? The call is to hold on loosely, giving generously, and trusting God's provision above all. This does not mean a judgment against wealth but an invitation to freedom from its grip.

Today, reflect on your relationship with possessions. Are they serving you, or are you serving them?







# Reflect and Apply

1.	Do I trust my possessions more than God?
2.	How does my attitude toward money affect my spiritual life?
3.	What steps can I take to hold my material things more loosely?







# **Journaling Prompts**

Write about what possessions mean to you and how they influence your decisions.
Describe any conflicts you've experienced between generosity and security.
Reflect on a time when you gave something valuable and how it affected you.







# Prayer for Today

**Father God,** teach me to view my possessions through Your eyes. Help me to not be enslaved by wealth or material things but to use what I have to honor You and serve others. Free my heart from greed and worry about earthly treasures, and anchor me in Your eternal kingdom. May I be generous and trusting, always looking to You as my provider. Amen. **5** 

















#### Your Verse

Luke 9:23 NIV – "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Matthew 16:24 NIV "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."
- Philippians 3:13–14 NIV "Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead..."







## Devotional: Daily Commitment to Christ

The journey of following Jesus is not a one-time decision but a daily commitment. Jesus challenges His disciples to deny themselves, take up their crosses, and follow Him continually.

For the Rich Young Ruler, the difficulty was the cost; for us, it can be the daily challenges, sacrifices, and choices that following Jesus demands. It's easier to admire Jesus from a distance than to follow Him in the messiness of life.

Following Jesus fully means acknowledging that we will face trials, discomfort, or even loss, but in Him, we find true life and purpose. The path is a journey of constant surrender, growth, and trust.

Reflect today on how consistent your follow-through is with God's call. Are there areas where you struggle to pick up your cross daily?







# Reflect and Apply

What does it mean to 'take up my cross' in daily life?
Where am I tempted to avoid difficult aspects of following Jesus?
How can I cultivate perseverance in my spiritual journey?







# **Journaling Prompts**

	Write about a recent challenge you faced in following Jesus and how you responded.
2.	List ways you can remind yourself daily to follow Christ.
3.	Describe your hopes and fears related to ongoing discipleship.







# Prayer for Today

















#### Your Verse

Exodus 20:3 NIV - "You shall have no other gods before me."

## **Supporting Scriptures**

- Colossians 3:5 NIV "Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature... covetousness, which is idolatry."
- Matthew 6:24 NIV "No one can serve two masters..."







## Devotional: The Idols We Carry

God commands us to have no other gods besides Him — a clear call to examine what occupies the highest place in our hearts. Idols are not just statues or false religions; they are anything we place above or equal to God.

The Rich Young Ruler's wealth was likely an unrecognized idol, shaping his decisions more than his love for God. For us, idols can be success, approval, comfort, or even good habits that become controlling.

Identifying and removing hidden idols is painful but liberating. It requires honest self-reflection and openness to God's refining work. Only when God is supreme can we truly follow Jesus fully.

Today, ask God to reveal any idols hiding in your life and invite Him to be your all-consuming treasure.







# Reflect and Apply

1.	Are there things or relationships that I put before God?
2.	How can I detect and uproot subtle idols in my life?
3.	What difference would it make if God was truly first in all things?







# **Journaling Prompts**

1.	List what you value most and evaluate if those things rival God's place.
2.	Write about an idol you have struggled to let go.
3.	Describe how you sense God's presence when you put Him first.







# Prayer for Today

**Lord,** reveal to me any idols I carry, whether obvious or hidden. Help me surrender them fully so that You might reign supreme in my heart. I confess that sometimes I chase after lesser things instead of You. Cleanse me and renew my desires to align with Your will alone. May You be my everything. Amen. 

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#### Your Verse

Matthew 22:37 NIV - "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Deuteronomy 6:5 NIV "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength."
- Luke 10:27 NIV "Love your neighbor as yourself."







## Devotional: Loving God With All You Are

God's greatest command is to love Him fully — with heart, soul, mind, and strength. This total love is the foundation for all other obedience. When we love God first, everything else falls into its rightful place.

The Rich Young Ruler understood the commandments but lacked the wholehearted love God desires. External obedience cannot replace internal devotion. Love transforms our motivations from duty to relationship.

Reflect today on how deeply and consistently you love God. Is your love vibrant and complete, or divided by other priorities? God desires more than partial devotion; He calls for an undivided heart.







# Reflect and Apply

1.	What does it look like for me to love God with all my heart?
2.	Are there areas where my love for God feels incomplete?
3.	How can I cultivate a deeper love for God daily?







# **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write a prayer expressing your love to God sincerely and personally.
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	Describe moments when you felt closest to God and what fostered that closeness.
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<b>3.</b> ]	List practical ways to show love to God throughout your day.
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# Prayer for Today

**Father,** help me love You fully — with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength. Remove anything that displaces Your rightful place in my life. Teach me to love You not out of obligation but from a joyful and grateful heart. May my love grow daily as I experience Your endless love for me. Amen. • L







# Day 6: Panger of Self-Righteousness









Day 6: P The Danger of Self-Righteousness

#### Your Verse

Luke 18:9-14 NIV - "The parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Isaiah 64:6 NIV "All our righteous acts are like filthy rags."
- Romans 3:23 NIV "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."







Day 6: P The Danger of Self-Righteousness

#### Devotional: Humbling Ourselves Before God

The Rich Young Ruler tried to present himself as righteous by listing commandments he followed, yet Jesus saw the barriers deeper than surface obedience. The parable of the Pharisee and tax collector shows the danger of self-righteousness — thinking our good works earn God's favor.

Self-righteousness blinds us to our need for grace and keeps us from true humility and repentance. It can cause us to trust in ourselves rather than in Jesus' saving work.

Today, consider whether you rely on your own goodness or on Christ's righteousness. True following arises from recognizing our continual need for God's mercy and grace.







Day 6: (2) The Danger of Self-Righteousness

# Reflect and Apply

1.	Do I sometimes feel self-righteous or better than others spiritually?
2.	How does humility open the door to genuine relationship with God?
3.	What areas of my life need God's grace the most?







Day 6: (2) The Danger of Self-Righteousness

# **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a time you realized your need for God's grace.
2.	Reflect on how humility affects your relationship with God and others.
3.	List areas where you might be tempted to trust in your own righteousness.







Day 6: P The Danger of Self-Righteousness

#### Prayer for Today

**Lord,** forgive me for moments of pride and self-righteousness. Help me to see myself honestly and rely on Your mercy instead of my works. Teach me humility that leads to deeper faith and surrender. I need You every day. Thank You for Your unfailing grace. Amen.  $\triangle$   $\Diamond$ 









# Day 7: 6 The Goal: Eternal Life









Day 7: **(3)** The Goal: Eternal Life

#### Your Verse

John 10:10 NIV - "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Romans 6:23 NIV "The gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."
- 1 John 5:11–12 NIV "God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son."







Day 7: **(3)** The Goal: Eternal Life

#### Devotional: Abundant Life with Christ

The Rich Young Ruler's initial question was about inheriting eternal life. Yet, eternal life is more than a future promise — it's a present reality of abundant life in Christ.

Jesus came to offer us full, rich life, characterized by peace, joy, and purpose—not limited by earthly possessions or status. Following Him fully means stepping into this life daily.

Reflect on how you understand eternal life. Is it a distant hope or a present experience? Align your heart with Jesus' promise as you journey deeper into His abundant life.







Day 7: **( )** The Goal: Eternal Life

# Reflect and Apply

1.	What does 'life to the full' mean for me personally?
2.	In what ways do I experience eternal life now?
3.	How can I more fully embrace the abundant life Jesus offers?







Day 7: **( )** The Goal: Eternal Life

#### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about your hopes for eternal life and what that means today.
2.	List moments when you felt Jesus' life flowing through you.
3.	Describe changes you want in your life to live more abundantly.







Day 7: The Goal: Eternal Life

#### Prayer for Today

**Jesus,** thank You for the abundant life You offer. Help me to live fully in Your presence now and trust in Your promises for the future. May Your life flow through me, bringing hope, joy, and purpose. Teach me to embrace Your gift daily. Amen.















#### Your Verse

Hebrews 12:1 NIV - "Let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- James 1:14–15 NIV "Each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed."
- Proverbs 4:25–27 NIV "Let your eyes look straight ahead..."







#### Devotional: Throwing Off Hindrances

Just as the Rich Young Ruler struggled to let go of his wealth, we all face barriers—sometimes subtle—that hold us back from fully following Jesus.

These can be habits, relationships, fears, or desires that entangle us and slow our spiritual progress. The call in Hebrews is to identify and throw off these hindrances so we can run the race with perseverance.

Today, prayerfully examine your heart. What is holding you back from complete surrender? Seek God's strength to release those things and run freely toward Him.







# Reflect and Apply

1.	What slows me down or entangles me spiritually?
2.	How can I gain courage to release these hindrances?
3.	What practical steps can I take to stay focused on Jesus?







#### **Journaling Prompts**

	Identify things that have hindered your spiritual growth and write about them.
2.	Reflect on times when letting go brought freedom.
3.	List strategies to maintain focus on following Jesus.







#### Prayer for Today

**Father,** help me see clearly what holds me back. Give me courage to let go of anything that entangles me. Strengthen me to persevere in following Jesus with my whole heart, undistracted and free. I trust Your grace to renew my strength daily. Amen.  $\mbox{\em A}$ 

















#### Your Verse

2 Corinthians 9:6-7 NIV - "God loves a cheerful giver."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Acts 20:35 NIV "It is more blessed to give than to receive."
- Luke 6:38 NIV "Give, and it will be given to you."







#### Devotional: Freedom Through Generosity

The Rich Young Ruler was challenged to sell all and give to the poor — a radical invitation to generosity.

Giving is not just about money but about opening our hands, hearts, and lives to God's purposes. Generosity reflects trust in God's provision and breaks the hold of material attachment.

God blesses cheerful givers abundantly and invites us to participate in His work through our resources and acts of kindness.

Consider how generosity can free you from what holds you back and reflect God's love to the world.







# Reflect and Apply







# **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a time you gave sacrificially and what it taught you.
2.	Reflect on attitudes toward giving you want to change or grow.
3.	List creative ways you can give beyond finances.







#### Prayer for Today

**Lord,** teach me to be generous with a cheerful heart. Help me release my grip on possessions and trust Your provision. Use my giving to bless others and glorify You. May generosity grow in me, breaking chains and spreading Your love. Amen.  $\heartsuit$   $\bigwedge$ 

















#### Your Verse

Romans 12:2 NIV - "Be transformed by the renewing of your mind."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Philippians 4:8 NIV "Think about such things..."
- Ephesians 4:22–24 NIV "Put off your old self... be made new in the attitude of your minds."







# Devotional: Mind Renewal for Wholehearted Following

Following Jesus fully involves transformation of both mind and heart. The Rich Young Ruler's mind knew the commandments, but his heart was not aligned with God's will.

Renewing our minds means intentionally shifting our thoughts to truth, hope, and God's promises. This shapes our desires and choices, enabling us to love and follow Jesus more deeply.

Take time today to invite God to renew your mind, replacing limiting beliefs and misconceptions with His truth.







# Reflect and Apply

1.	What thoughts dominate my mind, and how do they affect my faith?
2.	Are there beliefs I need to surrender or reframe according to God's Word?
3.	How can I practice renewing my mind daily?







#### **Journaling Prompts**

Write down recurring thoughts that challenge your faith and pray over them.
Describe how God's truth has changed your thinking.
List Scriptures you can memorize or meditate on to renew your mind.







#### Prayer for Today

**God,** renew my mind with Your truth and help me to think in ways that honor You. Clear out confusion and lies, and fill me with hope and faith. Transform my heart as my mind aligns with Your Word. Lead me to live fully for You each day. Amen.  $\bigcirc$   $\bigcirc$   $\bigcirc$   $\bigcirc$ 

















#### Your Verse

Matthew 6:31-33 NIV - "Seek first his kingdom... and all these things will be given to you as well."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Psalm 34:10 NIV "Those who seek the Lord lack no good thing."
- Philippians 4:19 NIV "God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus."







#### Devotional: Faith to Release and Receive

One reason the Rich Young Ruler hesitated to give away his wealth was likely fear about his future needs. Jesus teaches us to trust God to provide when we prioritize His kingdom.

God invites us to seek Him first—our security, identity, and provision come from Him alone. When we trust Him fully, we can let go of fears and live generously and boldly.

Reflect today on where your security rests and how you can deepen your trust in God's faithful provision.







# Reflect and Apply

1.	Do I truly believe God will provide for my needs?
2.	Where do I tend to rely on myself rather than God?
3.	How can trusting God change how I manage my resources?







# **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about fears related to provision and how God has met your needs.
2.	Describe what seeking God first looks like practical in your life.
3.	List ways you can remind yourself daily of God's faithfulness.







#### Prayer for Today

Father, teach me to seek Your kingdom first and trust You to provide. Help me release worry and lean on Your faithfulness. Change my heart to rest securely in You alone. May my life reflect Your abundance as I follow Jesus fully. Amen.













# Day 12: Breaking Chains of Attachment









Day 12: A Breaking Chains of Attachment

#### Your Verse

Galatians 5:1 NIV - "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- John 8:36 NIV "If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."
- Psalm 146:7 NIV "He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry."







Day 12: A Breaking Chains of Attachment

## Devotional: Freedom Through Surrender

Christ's sacrifice offers true freedom, but none of us is free until we break the chains that bind our hearts. Attachments, even to good things, can become prisons that limit our obedience and joy.

The Rich Young Ruler was bound by his possessions and status, preventing him from experiencing full freedom in Christ. We are invited to step into freedom by surrendering what imprisons us.

Today, identify any chains of attachment. Confess them and embrace the freedom Jesus offers.







Day 12: 🖁 Breaking Chains of Attachment

# Reflect and Apply

1.	What attachments feel like chains in my life?
2.	Have I experienced moments of spiritual freedom? What led to them?
3.	How can surrender be both difficult and freeing?







Day 12: 🖁 Breaking Chains of Attachment

## **Journaling Prompts**

	Describe an attachment that distracts you from God and what letting go might look like.
2.	Write about ways you've felt freedom in Christ.
3.	List practical steps to pursue freedom through surrender.







Day 12: A Breaking Chains of Attachment

## Prayer for Today

**Jesus,** thank You for setting me free. Help me break any chains that hold me back from following You fully. Strengthen me to surrender what enslaves me, trusting Your freedom. Lead me into the abundant life found only in You. Amen. ② 🙏 🥰









# Day 13: Forowing in Faith









Day 13: Forowing in Faith

#### Your Verse

2 Peter 1:5-8 NIV - "Add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge..."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Hebrews 6:1 NIV "Let us move beyond the elementary teachings about Christ and be taken forward to maturity."
- Colossians 2:6-7 NIV "Continue to live your lives in him..."







Day 13: 7 Growing in Faith

#### Devotional: Faith That Transforms

Faith is a journey of growth. As we surrender and follow, God calls us to add qualities to our faith—goodness, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, mutual affection, and love.

Like the Rich Young Ruler, we may start with questions and incomplete faith, but God invites us to grow consistently. Spiritual maturity requires intentional effort and reliance on the Holy Spirit.

Today, commit to growing deeper in faith, inviting God to cultivate these qualities in your life.







Day 13: 🍞 Growing in Faith

# Reflect and Apply

1.	Where am I in my faith journey?
2.	What qualities of spiritual growth do I need to develop?
3.	How can I cooperate with God in maturing my faith?







Day 13: 🍞 Growing in Faith

## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Reflect on a time when your faith grew through challenge.
2.	List spiritual qualities you want to develop and why.
3.	Write a prayer asking God to strengthen your faith journey.







Day 13: Forowing in Faith

## Prayer for Today

**Lord,** help me grow in faith and develop godly qualities. Guide me to maturity and deeper trust in You. Show me daily how to follow You more fully. I commit my growth to Your hands. Amen. 🌽 🙏 💸















#### Your Verse

Hebrews 10:24–25 NIV – "Encourage one another and spur one another on toward love and good deeds."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 NIV "Two are better than one..."
- Proverbs 27:17 NIV "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another."







#### Devotional: Strength in Community

Following Jesus fully is not a solo journey. The early church thrived because they supported and encouraged each other. Accountability and community strengthen faith and help us resist what holds us back.

Like the Rich Young Ruler, isolation or pride can make us hesitant to surrender fully. But God designed us for relationships where love and truth thrive.

Engage today with community or seek relationships that will support your spiritual commitment.







# Reflect and Apply

1.	Who encourages me in my faith journey?
2.	How do I respond to accountability and correction?
3.	What kind of community helps me follow Jesus more fully?







## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about relationships that have spurred your faith.
2.	Reflect on how you can be more involved in supportive community.
3.	List ways you can encourage others in their walk with Jesus.







## Prayer for Today

**God,** thank You for the gift of community. Help me find and invest in relationships that encourage my faith. Give me humility to receive accountability and grace to support others. May we grow together in love and obedience. Amen.  $\heartsuit$   $\clubsuit$ 















#### Your Verse

2 Timothy 1:7 NIV – "For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Isaiah 41:10 NIV "Do not fear, for I am with you..."
- Psalm 56:3 NIV "When I am afraid, I put my trust in you."







#### Devotional: Courage to Follow

Fear and doubt can prevent us from fully surrendering to Jesus. The Rich Young Ruler may have feared the cost of commitment or doubted he could live without his wealth.

God gives us a spirit of power, love, and self-control to overcome these barriers. Trusting God despite fears opens the way to deeper faith and freedom.

Today, identify areas where fear or doubt hold you back and invite God to replace them with courage and trust.







# Reflect and Apply

1.	What fears keep me from fully following Jesus?
2.	How has God helped me overcome doubt in the past?
3.	What practical ways can I cultivate courage daily?







## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a fear you need God's help to overcome.
2.	Reflect on Scriptures or promises that give you strength.
3.	Describe moments when faith won over fear in your life.







## Prayer for Today

**Father,** You have not given me a spirit of fear but of power, love, and self-control. Help me overcome doubts and fears that hold me back. Fill me with courage to follow You fully, trusting Your plan and provision. Strengthen my heart today. Amen.















#### Your Verse

Philippians 4:6 NIV – "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer... present your requests to God."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- 1 Thessalonians 5:17 NIV "Pray continually."
- Psalm 37:5 NIV "Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this."







## Devotional: Prayer: Our Strength and Guide

Prayer is the lifeline for those seeking to follow Jesus fully. It connects us intimately with God and renews our strength to surrender daily.

Like the Rich Young Ruler, we need to bring our struggles to God in prayer, seeking His guidance and peace. Prayer empowers us to trust, obey, and let go.

Today, commit to deeper prayer, offering your heart honestly and listening for God's direction.







# Reflect and Apply

1.	How consistent and open is my prayer life?
2.	What fears or barriers can I bring before God in prayer?
3.	How has prayer helped me surrender in the past?







## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write a prayer expressing your desire to follow Jesus fully.
2.	Reflect on how you can incorporate prayer more intentionally.
3.	List specific concerns you want to entrust to God today.







## Prayer for Today

**Lord,** teach me to pray continually and bring all my fears and desires to You. Help me listen and obey Your voice. Strengthen my spirit through prayer to surrender fully and trust Your plans. May my prayer life deepen my love and commitment to You. Amen.  $\bigwedge$ 







# Day 17: 🔀 Living with Eternal Perspective









Day 17: 😂 Living with Eternal Perspective

#### Your Verse

Colossians 3:2 NIV - "Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- 2 Corinthians 4:18 NIV "Fixing our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen."
- Matthew 6:20 NIV "Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven."







Day 17: 🔁 Living with Eternal Perspective

#### Devotional: Eyes on Eternal Treasures

The Rich Young Ruler's attachment was to an earthly treasure. Jesus calls us to fix our eyes on eternal realities rather than temporary things.

Living with an eternal perspective shifts our values and priorities, helping us let go of what binds us. It brings hope and motivates faithful living despite challenges.

Reflect today on how eternal perspective shapes your decisions and daily life.







Day 17: 🔅 Living with Eternal Perspective

# Reflect and Apply

How often do I consider eternal versus earthly priorities?
What changes when I choose to focus on heavenly things?
How can I remind myself of eternity amid daily distractions?







Day 17: 🔅 Living with Eternal Perspective

## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about how eternal perspective influences your goals.
2.	Reflect on moments when you felt connected to God's eternal plan.
3.	List practical ways to cultivate eternal focus.







Day 17: 😂 Living with Eternal Perspective

## Prayer for Today

**God,** help me set my mind on things above and keep my eyes fixed on eternal treasures. Shift my heart away from temporary attachments and toward Your kingdom. Empower me to live with hope and purpose that honors You.

Amen. 🗱 🙏 🔲









# Day 18: Paceiving God's Grace









#### Your Verse

Ephesians 2:8 NIV - "For it is by grace you have been saved..."

### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Titus 2:11 NIV "The grace of God has appeared..."
- 2 Corinthians 12:9 NIV "My grace is sufficient for you..."







### Devotional: Embracing Grace to Follow

The Rich Young Ruler failed to accept the grace Jesus extended—grace that covers shortcomings and empowers transformation.

God's grace is the foundation of our salvation and ongoing faith journey. It invites us to rest from trying to earn God's favor and to receive His love freely.

Today, embrace God's grace, letting it heal and motivate you to follow Jesus fully without fear or hesitation.







# Reflect and Apply

1.	Do I fully accept God's grace or do I try to earn His approval?
2.	How does grace affect how I view myself and my spiritual walk?
3.	What fears or burdens would I release if I embraced grace more deeply?







# **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a moment when you experienced God's grace profoundly.
2.	Reflect on attitudes you want to change regarding grace and effort.
3.	List ways you can rest in God's grace daily.







## Prayer for Today

**Lord,** thank You for Your incredible grace that saves and sustains me. Help me to rest fully in Your love and cease striving to earn Your favor. Teach me to live freely and faithfully by Your grace, following You with a joyful heart. Amen.

















#### Your Verse

John 8:32 NIV - "Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Galatians 5:13 NIV "Serve one another humbly in love."
- Romans 8:1 NIV "There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."







### Devotional: Living in Truth and Freedom

Jesus offers freedom through truth — freedom from sin, shame, and anything that holds us captive.

Following Him means accepting His truth and walking daily in the liberty that comes from knowing Him. This freedom empowers us to live fully and love others genuinely.

Respond to God's invitation today by choosing freedom over bondage and truth over lies.







# Reflect and Apply

1.	What lies or bonds need Jesus' truth to break?
2.	How does living in freedom affect my daily choices?
3.	What does humility and love look like in my service to others?







# **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about areas where you long for freedom and truth.
2.	Reflect on how God's truth has set you free before.
3.	List ways you can serve others humbly as an expression of freedom.







## Prayer for Today















#### Your Verse

2 Corinthians 5:7 NIV - "For we live by faith, not by sight."

### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Hebrews 11:1 NIV "Faith is confidence in what we hope for..."
- Proverbs 3:5-6 NIV "Trust in the Lord with all your heart..."







## Devotional: Trusting Beyond What We See

Following Jesus fully often involves trusting Him beyond what we see or understand. The Rich Young Ruler lacked faith to step into the unknown by giving up his wealth.

Faith calls us to trust God's guidance and provision even when the future is uncertain. It enables us to act in obedience and experience God's faithfulness.

Today, focus on walking by faith, choosing trust over doubt and obedience over comfort.







# Reflect and Apply

1.	What areas challenge me to trust God without seeing outcomes?
2.	How can I strengthen my faith in uncertain times?
3.	What difference does faith make in my decision-making?







# **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a time you stepped out in faith and what you learned.
2.	Reflect on current challenges requiring trust in God.
3.	Make a faith-based commitment for an area of your life.







## Prayer for Today

**Lord,** teach me to live by faith and not by sight. Help me trust You with all my heart, especially when the path is unclear. Strengthen my faith and guide my steps as I follow You wholly. Amen.  $\triangle$   $\diamondsuit$ 







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#### Your Verse

Romans 12:1 NIV - "Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice..."

### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Psalm 37:5 NIV "Commit your way to the Lord..."
- John 15:5 NIV "If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit."







### Devotional: Joy in Full Surrender

As this 21-day journey concludes, it's time to celebrate what God has done in your life. Wholehearted surrender to Jesus is an ongoing process of offering ourselves as living sacrifices—daily committing all that we are to Him.

When we remain in Christ, our lives bear fruit that blesses us and others. This surrender leads to freedom, abundant life, and a deepened relationship with God.

Take today to rejoice, reflect, and renew your commitment to follow Jesus fully, trusting Him for the journey ahead.







# Reflect and Apply

1.	What has God revealed to me during this study?
2.	How has my heart changed regarding following Jesus?
3.	What commitments do I want to make going forward?







# **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write a letter of dedication to Jesus expressing your surrender.
2.	Reflect on key lessons learned and blessings received.
3.	List actionable ways you will continue growing in faith.







## Prayer for Today

**Lord Jesus,** I celebrate the journey You have led me on over these past days. Thank You for revealing areas to surrender and inviting me into fullness of life. I commit myself anew as a living sacrifice, trusting You to guide and empower me. May my life bear fruit that glorifies You. Amen.







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