# Living the Word: Applying Biblical Wisdom as a Teen



Discover practical ways to live out God's Word daily, influencing your choices at school, with friends, and at home.





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#### Introduction

Welcome to this 3-day journey designed to help you, as a teen, not only read the Bible but truly *live it out* in every part of your life. Being a teenager comes with unique challenges—school pressures, friendships, family dynamics, and the constant pull of culture. God's Word is not just a book to admire, but a guide that **shapes your daily decisions** and interactions.

Too often we read Scripture and appreciate the stories or teachings, but struggle with how to apply that wisdom practically. This study focuses on bringing biblical truths into your classroom conversations, friendships, and home life. Through God's guidance, you can develop habits that make His wisdom a natural part of who you are.

Each day we will explore Scripture paired with reflective questions, practical insights, and prayer to fuel your growth. You'll see how the Bible speaks directly into your world—helping you handle peer pressure, show kindness, manage time, and honor God consistently.

Remember, living the Word means more than checking off Bible reading; it's about allowing God's voice to influence your actions thoughtfully and courageously. Get ready to discover how wisdom in God's Word can become your daily strength and guide. Let's dive deeper into living what we believe with confidence and joy!  $\square$ 















#### Your Verse

Proverbs 3:5-6 NIV - "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Psalm 119:105 "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."
- James 1:5 "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you."







#### Devotional: Trusting God to Guide Every Choice

Making choices encourages teens to seek true guidance. Proverbs 3:5-6 reminds us that trusting God wholeheartedly provides clarity when life feels confusing. Whether you're deciding how to respond to a friend or managing homework stress, God's wisdom lights our way forward.

Relying solely on personal ideas can lead to uncertainty or mistakes. The Bible urges us to *submit all decisions* to God's leadership. This is not about turning off your mind but partnering your thoughts with divine insight. Prayerfully ask God for wisdom like James encourages, and be confident that God will help guide you.

When you read God's Word daily, it acts like a lamp—illuminating even small choices. Today, practice pausing before decisions, asking, "What does God's Word say about this?" This habit builds spiritual strength that shapes your character and actions.

Remember: trusting God means surrendering control but gaining peace as He directs your path. Take small steps of faith today and enjoy the unfolding clarity when you invite God into your daily decisions.







# Reflect and Apply

1.	How often do I ask God for wisdom before making decisions?
2.	In what areas of my life do I tend to rely only on my own understanding?
3.	How can trusting God more change my daily choices and attitude?







## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a recent decision you made and how God's wisdom could have influenced it.
2.	List three scriptures you can turn to when seeking guidance in tough moments.
3.	Describe what it means to submit your ways to God in your own words.







#### Prayer for Today

**Dear Lord,** Thank You that Your wisdom is always available to me. Help me to trust You with all my heart and to lean not on my own limited understanding. Teach me to seek Your guidance every day—in school, with friends, and at home. Please illuminate my path with Your Word and give me courage to follow where You lead. Fill me with peace as I choose to submit my decisions to You. In Jesus' name, Amen.  $\bigwedge$ 

















Day 2: 🌣 Reflecting Christ in Friendships

#### Your Verse

Ephesians 4:29 NIV - "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- 1 Corinthians 15:33 "Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character."
- Colossians 3:12–14 "Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience."







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# Devotional: Building Friendships That Reflect God's Love

**Friendships greatly influence who you become.** Ephesians 4:29 challenges us to use our words to *encourage and build up* others rather than tear them down. Imagine how school and social settings change when kindness and respect guide your conversations.

Being mindful of the impact of your words helps protect your character and those around you. Just as 1 Corinthians warns, some friendships can sway you toward harmful behavior. However, God calls you to choose friends that lift you up and reflect His love.

Colossians reminds us to "clothe" ourselves with qualities that promote peace and unity. When you intentionally practice humility and patience, your friendships become holy spaces where God's grace flows freely.

Today, consider how your speech and choices nurture your friendships. Are your words helpful? Do your friends influence you to be your best self in God's eyes? Strive to be a friend who points others to Jesus through love and encouragement.







Day 2: 🂢 Reflecting Christ in Friendships

## Reflect and Apply

1.	How do my words affect my friends and those around me?
2.	What qualities do I look for in a godly friend?
3.	Have I been a friend who builds others up or tears them down?







Day 2: 🂢 Reflecting Christ in Friendships

### **Journaling Prompts**

	Recall a time when a friend's words encouraged you; how did it impact you?
2.	Write about ways you can speak life into your friendships this week.
3.	List traits of friends who help you grow closer to Christ.



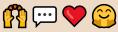




Day 2: 🌣 Reflecting Christ in Friendships

#### Prayer for Today

Heavenly Father, Thank You for friendships that reflect Your love. Help me speak words that build others up and avoid harmful talk. Teach me to choose friends wisely and to be a friend who shows compassion, kindness, and patience. May my relationships bring glory to You and encourage growth in faith. Guide me to reflect Christ in all my friendships. In Jesus' name, Amen.

























#### Your Verse

Colossians 3:20 NIV - "Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Ephesians 6:1-3 "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right... so that it may go well with you..."
- Proverbs 15:1 "A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger."







#### Devotional: Living Faith by Honoring Your Family

Home is often where your faith is tested and grown. Colossians 3:20 encourages obedience to parents as an act that pleases God. Even when it's challenging, honoring your family is part of living out the Word practically.

Ephesians 6 explains obedience benefits not only your parents but also YOU —bringing blessings and peace. This applies beyond chores or rules; it's about respect and love that shape your character.

Proverbs 15:1 reminds us how powerful gentle words can be. Whether you're expressing frustrations or gratitude at home, choosing kindness can transform relationships.

Applying the Bible at home means honoring God in your attitudes and actions—patiently listening, helping without complaining, speaking respectfully—and showing your family the love of Christ. Today, reflect on how your behavior reflects your faith right where you live. Small daily choices make a big difference.







# Reflect and Apply

1.	How do I demonstrate respect and love at home?
2.	What challenges do I face in obeying or honoring my parents?
3.	How can gentle words improve my family relationships?







## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a time when obeying your parents led to a positive outcome.
2.	List ways you can show love and honor at home this week.
	Reflect on your attitude toward family responsibilities and how to improve it.







#### Prayer for Today

**Lord Jesus,** Thank You for my family and the opportunity to honor my parents. Help me obey with a joyful heart and use gentle words in every situation. Teach me to reflect Your love at home, making it a place of peace and grace. Strengthen me to live out my faith authentically, even in small daily moments. Guide me to grow in respect and patience. Amen.  $\bigwedge$ 







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