

5 Day Devotional



Day 1: God's Compassionate Nature

Reading: Exodus 34:5-7

Today we reflect on God's self-revelation to Moses. He describes Himself as "compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness." This is the very heart of God - not an angry judge waiting to punish us, but a loving Father eager to show mercy. As you go through your day, consider how God's compassion has been evident in your life. How might you extend that same compassion to others, even those who may have wronged you? Remember, God's anger is slow, but His love and grace are abundant and ever-present.

Day 2: The Prodigal's Welcome

Reading: Luke 15:11-32

The parable of the Prodigal Son beautifully illustrates God's response to repentance. Like the father in the story, God doesn't wait for us to reach Him - He runs to meet us. Reflect on times you may have felt distant from God. Did you fear judgment upon your return? Yet, like the prodigal son, we find not condemnation but celebration. Today, if you feel far from God, take a step towards Him. Know that He is already running to meet you with open arms, ready to restore you fully as His beloved child.

Day 3: Righteous Anger and Love

Reading: John 2:13-17

Today's passage shows Jesus displaying righteous anger in the temple. This reminds us that not all anger is sinful - there are times when anger is an appropriate response to injustice and evil. However, notice that Jesus' anger is not self-serving but stems from His love for God and people. Examine your own sources of anger. Are they rooted in love and a desire for God's righteousness, or in selfish motives? Ask God to align your heart with His, that your anger might be slow to arise and always tempered by love and compassion.

Day 4: God's Heart for the Vulnerable

Reading: James 1:27

God has a special concern for the vulnerable - widows, orphans, the poor, and the oppressed. This verse challenges us to make caring for them a central part of our faith. Reflect on how you might be overlooking or even unintentionally exploiting those less fortunate. Are there ways you can use your resources, time, or influence to support and uplift the vulnerable in your community? Remember, pure and genuine religion is marked not just by personal piety, but by active compassion for those in need.

Day 5: Living in Light of God's Kingdom

Reading: Matthew 6:9-13

The Lord's Prayer provides a framework for aligning our hearts with God's kingdom priorities. As we pray "Your kingdom come, Your will be done," we're reminded that our ultimate allegiance is to God's reign, not earthly powers or personal agendas. Consider areas where you might be putting other "gods" before the true God - perhaps career, wealth, politics, or personal comfort. Ask God to reveal any misplaced loyalties and to help you seek first His kingdom. As you go through your day, look for small ways to bring a taste of God's kingdom - His love, justice, and peace - into your sphere of influence.