

Citizens of Heaven

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Day 1: Following
Faithful Examples

Reading:
Philippians 3:17; 1
Corinthians 11:1

Paul's invitation to "imitate me as I imitate Christ" isn't arrogance—it's discipleship in action. We all need spiritual guides who show us what following Jesus looks like in real life. These mentors aren't perfect; they're simply people further along the journey who can illuminate the path ahead. Consider who your "Paul" is—someone helping you know Jesus more deeply. Their life becomes a living testimony of God's transforming power. Equally important, who is your "Timothy"? God calls us not only to learn but to teach, pouring into others what we've received. This creates a beautiful chain of discipleship that extends Christ's kingdom through generations.

Reflection: Write down one person who has helped you grow spiritually, and one person you could intentionally mentor this year.

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Day 2: The Power of
the Cross

Reading:
1 Corinthians 1:18-25;
Philippians 3:18-19

The cross appears foolish to worldly wisdom, yet it contains God's greatest power. Many walk as "enemies of the cross"—not necessarily through hatred, but through self-reliance. They trust their morality, religion, or achievements rather than Christ's finished work. But salvation comes only through embracing our desperate need for a Savior. The cross humbles us, revealing our sinfulness while simultaneously displaying God's overwhelming love. When we boast in the cross, we acknowledge that nothing in us merits heaven—only Jesus' sacrifice qualifies us. This truth liberates us from performance-based religion and fills us with genuine gratitude. The cross isn't just a historical event; it's the ongoing foundation of our relationship with God.

Reflection: What are you tempted to trust in besides Jesus? Confess any self-reliance and thank God for the cross.

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Day 3: Our Heavenly Citizenship

Reading:
Philippians 3:20;
Hebrews 11:13-16

If you're in Christ, your true citizenship isn't earthly—it's heavenly. Like the faithful in Hebrews, we're "strangers and exiles" here, seeking a better homeland. This perspective transforms everything. We hold earthly possessions loosely, knowing they're temporary. We endure hardship with hope, understanding this isn't our final home. We invest in eternal things—relationships, character, God's kingdom—rather than accumulating what rust and moths destroy. Your spiritual passport has been stamped with Christ's blood, guaranteeing entrance into God's presence forever. This doesn't mean we disengage from the world; rather, we engage as ambassadors representing our true King. Let heaven's values shape your earthly decisions today.

Reflection: How would your daily priorities change if you truly lived as a citizen of heaven?

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Day 4: The Promise
of Transformation

Reading:
1 Corinthians 15:35-44,
54-57;
Philippians 3:21

Devotional: Your body is breaking down—that's reality. Aches, illnesses, and limitations remind us we're mortal. But resurrection morning is coming! Christ will transform our "lowly bodies" into glorified ones like His own. What's sown in weakness will be raised in power; what's sown in dishonor will be raised in glory. Death has lost its sting because Jesus conquered it. This promise should fill us with hope during physical suffering and aging. But transformation isn't only future—it's happening now spiritually. God is sanctifying you, making you more like Jesus daily. Each struggle, each moment of obedience, each act of faith shapes you for eternity.

You're being prepared for your glorified state.

Reflection: Thank God for one way He's transforming you spiritually right now, and

Notes: one hope you have for your future glorified body.

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Day 5: Walking Ready
for His Return

Reading:
Philippians 3:17-21;
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Jesus is coming back. This isn't speculation—it's certainty. As citizens of heaven, we walk with eyes fixed on our returning Savior. This expectation should create urgency in our discipleship, compassion in our relationships, and boldness in our witness. Are you ready? Not just personally saved, but actively preparing others? The time is short, and people around you desperately need to hear about Jesus. Walk with others toward heaven. Keep your eyes on the cross that purchased your salvation. Watch for Christ's return with anticipation. And continue being transformed into His likeness.

When He appears, may He find you faithful, walking worthy of your heavenly citizenship, helping others discover their passport home.

Reflection: If Jesus returned today, what would you wish you had done differently?

Notes: Start doing it now.
