

Day 1: Set Free to Live Free Reading: Galatians 5:16-25 Devotional: As we begin this journey, let's reflect on what it means to be truly free. Paul reminds us that walking by the Spirit leads to freedom from the desires of the flesh. Today, consider areas in your life where you feel bound by sin or unhealthy habits. How might surrendering these to God and walking in step with His Spirit bring about true freedom? Remember, change is possible through Christ. Pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance in identifying areas where you need to "crucify the flesh" and embrace the fruit of the Spirit.

Day 2: The Heart of the Matter Reading: Matthew 5:21-30 Devotional: Jesus teaches that God is concerned not just with our actions, but with the condition of our hearts. As you read today's passage, reflect on how Jesus expands the understanding of commandments like "do not murder" and "do not commit adultery" to include matters of the heart. Are there areas in your life where you've been focused on outward obedience while neglecting inner transformation? Ask God to reveal any hidden attitudes or desires that don't align with His will. Commit to pursuing heart change, not just behavior modification.

Day 3: Generosity Over Greed Reading: Acts 20:32-35 Devotional: Today's reading challenges us to embrace generosity as an antidote to greed and theft. Paul reminds the Ephesian elders of Jesus' words that it is more blessed to give than to receive. Reflect on your attitude towards possessions and generosity. Are there ways you've been holding tightly to things, time, or recognition that God is calling you to release? Consider one practical way you can practice secret generosity today, giving without expectation of reward or recognition. As you do, pray for God to cultivate a truly generous heart within you.

Day 4: Trusting God's Provision Reading: Matthew 6:25-34 Devotional: Often, the root of our desire to steal or hoard is a lack of trust in God's provision. Jesus teaches us not to worry about our needs, but to seek first God's kingdom. As you read, consider areas where worry or fear drive you to take matters into your own hands rather than trusting God. How might your life look different if you truly believed God would provide all you need? Today, practice casting your anxieties on God and affirming your trust in His care for you.

Day 5: Living as New Creations Reading: Colossians 3:1-17 Devotional: Our final reading reminds us that in Christ, we are new creations called to "put on" a new self. Paul gives practical instructions for living out this new identity. As you read, take note of the behaviors and attitudes we're called to "put off" and those we're to "put on." Reflect on your own life - where do you see evidence of the "old self," and where do you see growth in Christlikeness? Thank God for the areas of transformation you recognize, and ask for His help in areas where you still struggle. Remember, this is a lifelong process of being "renewed in knowledge according to the image of your Creator."