

Live For God Daily

“It is easier to sin is than to do right”

- Diet
- Driving

Difficult tasks become easy
when we grow to love them

- No one has to beg us to . . .
 - Eat
 - Sleep
 - Work
 - Spend time with loved ones
 - Pursue hobbies

It is easy to backslide. Lk.11:23-26

23: no neutrality: we stand with Lord or against Him. Lk.9:51-53

24: demon leaves. Many repent only to return to same old sins. 1 Co.10:7

Babylon drove out the demon of idolatry.

Now they are worse off – Pharisaism.

Hatred, hypocrisy, pride, covetousness...

25: swept, put in order [Mt.12:44, empty]. If good doesn't fill us... Ro.1:29; 15:14

26: demons don't break in the door; house attracts them. Eight!

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Mt.12⁴⁵ So shall it also be with this wicked generation.

[His reply to their accusation, Mt.12:24 –
Now when the Pharisees heard it they said,
“This fellow does not cast out demons except
by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons.”]

Ac.2⁴⁰ Be saved from this perverse generation.

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- Ex.5¹³ And the taskmasters forced them to hurry, saying, Fulfill your work, your daily quota, as when there was straw.
- Ex.16⁵ And it shall be on the sixth day that they shall prepare what they bring in, and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily.
- Jg.16¹⁶ And it came to pass, when she pestered him daily with her words and pressed him, so that his soul was vexed to death

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- Ps.61⁸ So I will sing praise to Your name forever, That I may daily perform my vows
- Ps.72¹⁵ And He shall live; And the gold of Sheba will be given to Him; Prayer also will be made for Him continually, And daily He shall be praised
- Je.7²⁵ Since the day that your fathers came out of the land of Egypt until this day, I have even sent to you all My servants the prophets, daily rising up early and sending them

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- Lk.9²³ If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me
- Lk.11³ Give us day by day our daily bread
- Ac.17¹¹ These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so

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- Hb.3¹³ but exhort one another daily, while it is called “*Today*,” lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin
- Ja.2¹⁵ If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food

I. Live each day as if it is the last

2 Pt.3¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. ¹¹ Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness

One day will be our last. So?

1. If you wronged someone, fix it. Mt.5:25f.
2. If you hold a grudge, drop it. Ja.5:9.
3. If you are unfaithful, repent. 2 Th.1:8-9.

2 Th. 1⁸ In flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.
⁹ These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power.

“By saying nothing about hell, wilt thou thus extinguish it?” – Chrysostom

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II. Pray daily

Dn.6:10 – illustrates 1 Thes.5:17. Mt.6:11

Jesus: Mk.1³⁵ Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed.

Paul: 2 Co.11²⁸ besides the other things, what comes upon me daily: my deep concern for all the churches.

1 Tim.2¹ Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, ² for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence

- Paul prayed night and day, 1 Th.3:10
- Widow prayed night and day, 1 Tim.5:5
- Paul prayed night and day, 2 Tim.1:3

Strongest saints of Bible
could not live without fervent prayer

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- Ps.1² ...his delight is in the law of the LORD,
And in His law he meditates day and night
- Ac.17:11, why so diligent?
 1. To know they have truth. Jn.8:32
 2. To be able to help others. Ac.8:34ff
 3. To serve God gratefully, accurately. 2 T.2:15
 4. To cleanse the heart. 1 Pt.2:1-2

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Jesus, our example

Acts 10³⁸ God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him

Mt.5-7, His teaching

Mt.8:2, leper

16, demoniacs

5, centurion

23, storm

14-15, fever

28, Gadarenes

Jesus, our example

Ro.15² Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, leading to edification

1. Not merely 'put up with,' but concern for their spiritual good.
2. Each of us (2): mutual duty that everyone can do.
3. Leading to edification.
 - It's easy to tear down

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Lk.19⁴⁷ He was teaching daily in the temple

Ac.5⁴² And daily in the temple, and in every house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ

Ac.19⁹ But when some were hardened and did not believe, but spoke evil of the Way before the multitude, he departed from them and withdrew the disciples, reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannus

- Some invite neighbors to study
- Some talk to workers during breaks
- “You never mentioned Him to me”??

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VI. Enthusiasm in each assembly

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Anyone can do good sometimes. ...Daily?

- 1 I will please God
- 2 I will encourage brothers / sisters
- 3 I will set a good example
- 4 I will be filled with joy
- 5 I will not retaliate