

SUNDAY—JANUARY 14

Genesis 33-35; Matthew 10:1-20

Old Testament New Testament _____

John 15:4

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

How is your relationship with God? Would you say that you are close to God? Do you think of Him often throughout your day? Are you sensitive to His conviction when you do wrong. Do you feel guilty that you have let Him down? Do you love Him? Do others think you love him? Today is Sunday, the Lord's day—if you have become distant from God, hit the altar and get it right today! Being right with God is all about being "right with God" Are you with Him? Strive each day to be closer to Him than anyone else!

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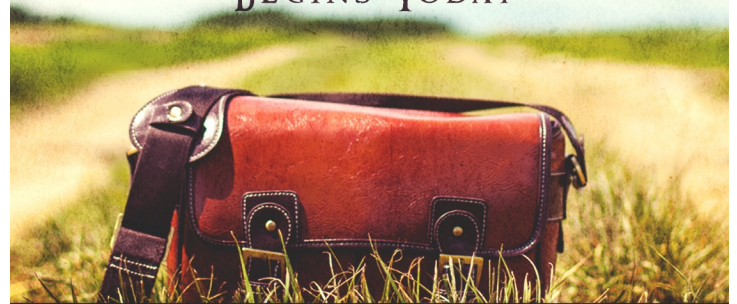
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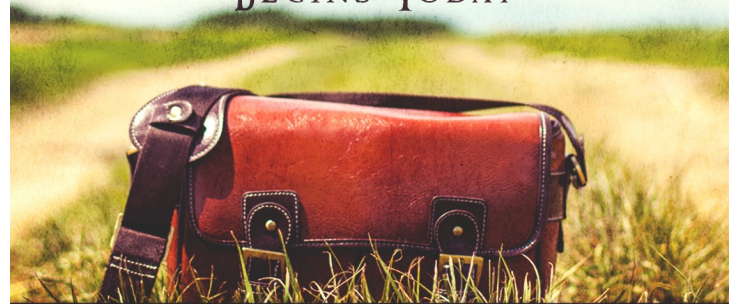


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MONDAY—JANUARY 8

Genesis 20-22; Matthew 6:19-34

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Proverbs 25:28

He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls.

One character trait that is evident in the Spirit-filled Christian is temperance. This is the quality of being under the control of the Spirit. We can be tempted to get angry and act violently. This may come across in our physical appearance or tone of voice. What we say and what we do should always be under "control." A Christian dominated by fleshly impulses is defenseless and a very poor testimony. A person doesn't "lose" their temper—they find it. No matter what happens, allow the Spirit to control your temper

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SATURDAY—JANUARY 13

Genesis 31-32; Matthew 9:18-38

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1 Corinthians 7:1

Now concerning the things whereof ye wrote unto me: It is good for a man not to touch a woman.

We live in a world where there is no commitment required in individuals to enjoy the pleasures God intended only for marriage. It is the normal among the world. Christian young people need to make a commitment before God that they will save physical embrace for after the wedding altar. If you do not make that decision now, you will fail in the moment of moment. Decide now that you will have a godly relationship that is an example to those coming after you. Give no one a reason to question your integrity

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Genesis 29-30; Matthew 9:1-17

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*Matthew 19:5
And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife...*

When developing relationship with the opposite gender that's more than just a friendship, it's important to realize that both individuals are under the authority of their parents. As a man, if you desire to pursue a young lady, you must share your feelings FIRST with your parents, and then with her parents. It is wrong to pursue or allow someone to pursue you if you do not have the blessing of your parents. Allow them to guide you through this process. Remember, good things come to those who wait. Be patient.

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TUESDAY—JANUARY 9

Genesis 23-24; Matthew 7

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*Proverbs 20:4
The sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold; therefore shall he beg in harvest, and have nothing.*

The word "sluggard" means "A person habitually lazy, or idle..." Learning to be a hard worker is very important in the Christian life. The "natural" man does not enjoy labor, but as a man or woman matures they find joy and satisfaction in working hard. The results of a lazy man are devastating. It is important when seeking a spouse that one look for this quality—diligence. Each spouse should be diligent about their responsibilities. Train your children to be diligent. Don't just let them be lazy and play all of the time.

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Genesis 25-26; Matthew 8:1-17

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*Jude 1:22
And of some have compassion, making a difference.*

We can be so selfish. Humans by nature default to "self-preservation." When the Bible speaks of greatness, it speaks of an individual who lives for others. Desire to make a difference in the lives of other people. Realize that there is an entire world out their starving for love. There are multitudes who have very difficult situations in which God wants to use you to be a friend. The laws of God are true. The life sought seeking self is always lost in dissatisfaction. True joy only comes to the one who lives for God and others!

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*Proverbs 2:17
Which forsaketh the guide of her youth, and forgetteth the covenant of her God.*

Young people often struggle with a desire to be independent. Be careful as you grow and mature to not allow the Devil to convince you that you alone can lead your life without help. That's just not wisdom. When you are going somewhere that you have never been, its important to have a guide—someone who loves you and knows the way. Set up a "cabinet" in your life like the President—a group of wise counsellors that you trust to help you make decisions. Don't be so secretive with your intentions. Allow someone to help.

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