

DAILY BIBLE READINGS - Week of, December 7, 2025
"Bible Trilogies: "Use"

SERVANTS

Sunday Read Galatians 5:10-18

"For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another." Our Heavenly Father wants His people to attend to the needs of others. Self-centeredness is not a plan of God. Yes, we must attend to personal needs, but we should not be so self-centered that we neglect the needs of others. Jesus set a great example in His life on earth by constantly meeting the needs of people. Many were the beneficiaries, and I am sure His heart was greatly blessed. As Christians, we should be above all else servants!

PRIVATE PRAYER

Monday Read Matthew 6:7-13

"But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him." The Lord Jesus responded to the disciples' request to teach them to pray. It is what is commonly referred to as the Lord's Prayer. It is a concise and comprehensive prayer. He noted that the religious Pharisees engaged in long, drawn-out prayers in a display of religious commitment. We can assume from our Lord's teaching that public prayer should be concise and to the point. Private prayer can be as long as we desire. God wants us to call upon Him in prayer as we read in Jeremiah 33:3: *"Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not."* Time spent in private praying to God is time well spent!

CORPORATE PRAYER

Tuesday Read Acts 12:1-5

"Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him." We can assume from today's Bible reading that God is honored when believers get together to pray. When Peter and John were imprisoned for their preaching, their fellow-believers engaged in intercessory prayer. God responded by opening the prison doors and freeing Peter and John. Peter assumed that his freedom was a response to fellow-believers praying. And he assumed it would be in the home of a faithful believer. What a reunion it was! God is obviously honored and moved by His people meeting together to talk with Him. Can you imagine that the Creator of the universe would be listening to a group of people on earth! Not only is He listening but He is eager to respond.

Those corporate prayer meetings may well be the most important function of the local church!

SPEECH

Wednesday Read Ephesians 4:25-30

"Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers." When we speak, God is listening. Realizing that, we should watch what we say! If a believer sees a wrong in others, he should go to that person only, not spread it around. Gossip is a sin against God! We have this clear teaching of our Lord in Matthew 18:15: *"Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother."* The Christian Church has this instruction in I Thessalonians 5:11: *"Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do."*

GOOD CONVERSATION

Thursday Read Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

"A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak." Time management is an important responsibility. A large portion of our lives on earth is engaging in conversation with others. What we say in conversation is important. Equally important is what the other person is saying. That requires listening. We are eager to share what we think. We should be just as eager to hear what the other person is thinking. There is indeed a time to speak and a time to listen be silent and listen!

MISTREATMENT

Friday Read Matthew 5:40-46

"But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you."

The normal reaction for a person when wronged is to get even. That only serves to make a bad situation worse. We honor our Lord by responding to mistreatment by doing good. That is the instruction God gives us in Romans 12:21: *"Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good."* That not only pleases God, but it may shock the person who offended you. Whatever, harmony is better than conflict.

WARFARE

Saturday Read I Peter 5:5-10

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." The spiritual war that started on planet earth in the Garden of Eden is still being waged! The devil that attacked Adam and Eve is still on the prowl working against God and His people. He actually began his rebellion against God in heaven. Satan was actually an angel in heaven, but he decided he would be like the most high God. His name was Lucifer and we read of his rebellion in Isaiah 14:12: *"How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!"*