

DAILY BIBLE READINGS - Week of January 11, 2026

"WIN"

GAINING WISDOM

Sunday Read Proverbs 29:11-20

"The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame." We often hear of an unpopular person being called a loser. That would be an appropriate description of a disobedient child. Today's Bible reading describes a son who responds favorably to the instruction of his parents as a winner. That obviously means the opposite is a loser. God has given every child that enters into the world a father and mother. Hopefully they will train a child properly as instructed in Proverbs 22:6: *"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."* True wisdom imparted by Christian parents gets a child off to a great start in life.

HIGH CALLING

Monday Read Philippians 3:10-14

"I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." This claim made by Paul in his letter to the Church at Philippi, defines life as a high calling of God. We are told in Jeremiah 1:5 that God has a plan for us while being formed in our mother's womb. He brings to pass experiences that fulfill that calling. The call of God to do His will begins with salvation. The first step is to receive Jesus into our hearts making us a child of God. It is a spiritual birth bringing God the Holy Spirit into our bodies as we are told in I Corinthians 6:19: *"What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own."* His presence enables the believer to fulfill the high calling of God if he or she stays in tune with the Holy Spirit. That means to be sensitive to His leading as Jesus mentioned in John 16:13: *"Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak."*

EVANGELIZATION

Tuesday Read Proverbs 11:28-30

"The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise." In this verse of Scripture, God compares the human life to a fruit-bearing tree. The healthy tree of life is one that wins souls. Winning souls is working together with God the Holy Spirit to convince a person that he or she needs to be born of the Holy Spirit. Humans, because of the sin of Adam and Eve when they ate of the forbidden fruit in the Garden of Eden, are condemned to eternal punishment in hell. God's love compelled Him to offer a pardon from the penalty of sin by having His Son pay the penalty with His blood on the cross of Calvary.

God uses His followers to share that truth with others to win them to Christ. That is the important work of evangelization, which is introducing lost souls to the Savior of the world.

DIVINE ASSIGNMENT

Wednesday **Read John 20:20-24**

"Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you." We read in this verse that God the Father sent Jesus into the world. The reason God did that is detailed in I Timothy 1:15: *"This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief."* In today's Bible reading we are told that Jesus is sending us into our world for the same reason. He wants all to know that He paid the penalty for our sins at Calvary. That is the primary reason for our residence, our workplace, and our church: to save sinners! Citizenship in heaven is a truly great privilege!

PURPOSE

Thursday **Read Galatians 1:8-10**

"For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ." The answer to this question in Galatians gives us our main primary objective for living. Yes, we want to please others, but our primary objective should be to please God. Normally, by pleasing God we do please men by our display of kindness. However, when someone asks us to do something contrary to the will of God, our choice should be to please God. If that causes a loss of a friendship, so be it. Pleasing God is primary! God is honored when we take a stand for him!

SEPARATION

Friday **Read II Corinthians 6:15-20**

"Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you." Life is made up of choices, and believers should make choices that are consistent with God's instructions as recorded in the Bible. That is why God gave us His word as He tells us in II Timothy 3:16-17: *"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."* If obedience to God means the loss of a friend, so be it. Jesus is our best friend! Jesus saved us from the penalty and power of sin. He is worthy of our allegiance!

JUDGMENT SEAT

Saturday **Read II Corinthians 5:7-10**

"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad." Americans do well to remember the closing statement our founders made in the Declaration of Independence: "God is the Supreme Judge of the world. That becomes a reality for each and every person. For believers, it will be the Judgment Seat of Christ where they receive rewards for all they have done on earth that had an eternal purpose. Unbelievers face the judgment where God assigns them to the lake of fire mentioned in Revelation 20:15: *"And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."* What an incentive that is to witness to all we can: to rescue people from an eternity in the lake of fire that was prepared for the devil! Be a light; share God's truth!