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When I talk to teens about areas in their Christian walk that could use a little more attention or work, two statements tend to rise up:

Statement 1: I need to step up my Bible reading.

Statement 2: I need to step up my prayer life.

This devotional is geared to help you in both those ways as you study Scripture and then take time to actually pray that Scripture back to God. The act of praying scripture can be a great way to guide our prayer lives. As you walk through this journey, I would recommend finding a consistent time during the day where you can have 15-20 minutes of uninterrupted time. If you go every day back to back you will have four straight weeks of daily time alone with God. If you miss a day, don't freak out. Just pick up the next day where you left off.

NOTE: *If your parents are working through their version of this devotional with you simultaneously, be sure to talk and agree upon the days you plan to go through it.*

Above all, allow this devotional journal to serve as a tool to help you connect with God through His word and prayer.

You are loved,
Derry Prenkert

DAY 1: KNOWING HIM

But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of His resurrection and participation in His sufferings, becoming like Him in His death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

Philippians 3:7-11

You probably have a lot of goals in your life, and many of them are likely good dreams and aspirations. There is a big difference, though, between good goals and the best goals. We should want what is best, and it is important to remember there is no greater aspiration or goal we should have than knowing and experience the fullness of Jesus Christ.

Pray today that your ultimate goal would not just be to “know about” but truly KNOW Jesus.

Father,

I have a lot of goals and dreams in my life, but whatever were gains I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing You, Christ Jesus as Lord. May I consider everything else garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from You on the basis of faith.

Jesus Christ, I want to know You—yes, to know the power of Your resurrection and participation in Your sufferings, becoming like You in Your death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

Amen.

DAY 2: LIGHT

You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:14-16

It can get overwhelming when we think about the darkness present in this world. It can get downright scary when we think about trying to be a light for Jesus when we walk into some of those dark places. Yet, here's the thing about darkness... it is simply the absence of light. To put it another way, when light and darkness face off, light wins... **every time**.

Today, pray the light out of you and into this world.

*Lord,
I believe I can be Your light to this world. As light in this world, may that light not be hidden, especially in these areas:*

Instead, may this light shine and spread to those around. God, allow the light to shine in my attitudes and actions in a way that others will see and know that it comes from You, Father in heaven.

Amen.

DAY 3: LOVE

God is love...We love because He first loved us.

1 John 4:8b, 19

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

This world is full of different thoughts and definitions on love. So why not go to God's Word to help us understand what love truly is? John reminds us that God is the source of love, and Paul gives a great picture of what love is in 1 Corinthians.

Today, first pray that love over into your life.

God,

I know you are the source of love and I am able to love because you first loved me. Lord, grant me patience and grant me kindness. I rebuke envy, boasting and pride. May I show honor, be selfless, resist anger, and keep no record of wrong. May I not delight in any evil but only rejoice in the truth. May I always protect, always trust, always hope, and always persevere.

Get Practical: What specific ways do you need step up in practicing love toward those around you?

DAY 4: COURAGE

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.

Joshua 1:9

Where or how are you afraid or discouraged?

This Scripture is a promise preceded by a command. The promise is that God is with us. Wherever and whenever, He is with us. This is why we can take confidence in the command to be strong and courageous. The source of that strength and courage must be found in the confidence that the Almighty is right there with us.

Today, pray courageously over your fears and discouragement.

*God,
I give you my fears and discouragement that are listed above. I choose to follow your command to be strong and courageous because I know you are with me wherever I go.*

Other Scriptures on courage to reflect/pray over:

Deuteronomy 31:6-8

Psalm 31:24

Romans 8:15

1 Corinthians 16:13

DAY 5: GROWTH

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and forever! Amen.

2 Peter 3:18

Have you ever held a baby? They are so tiny, intricate and beautiful. Now, think about what that baby will look like 10 years from now. So much will have changed, right? As the days go by, they grow up. The same is true of our growth. In this verse, we read of two key ways us to grow in Christ: grace and knowledge.

Today, let's focus our prayer on those two areas.

*Jesus,
I want to continue to grow in you. I pray for grace in these specific areas:*

and knowledge in these specific areas:

And as I grow in these areas, If give you all the glory both now and in the future!

Amen.

DAY 6: ARMOR

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Ephesians 6:13-17

When you go to school or practice for the first day, you go in with all the supplies you need in order to be fully equipped and prepared to make the most of the season that is ahead. Why would you not do the same to spiritually equip and prepare yourself as you walk into the world?

Pray the armor of God over yourself today.

Father God,

I want to be strong in you and your mighty power. I know my struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the powers and the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore, I put on Your full armor, so that when the day of evil comes, I may be able to stand my ground, and after I have done everything, to stand.

God, I stand with the belt of truth around my waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with my feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. I also take up the shield of faith. Help me extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. I take up the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. I pray this all in the powerful name of Jesus.

Amen.

DAY 7: FIRE & WIND

For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me His prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God.

2 Timothy 1:6-8

Wind greatly affects fire. It has the potential to both put out a flame and to spread it. When it comes to the spiritual fire in your life, you have the power and potential to do the same with the wind of your words.

Today, allow prayer to enhance the flame of faith in your life.

Lord,

I ask that you would fan into flame the gift of God in me. May it be evident through my example and life. I pray against the spirit of fear and timidity that is showing itself in the following areas of my life:

Today, I pray for a spirit of power to overcome

I pray for a spirit of love from you that is directed toward

I pray for a spirit of self-discipline in these areas:

God, I ask that I will not be ashamed of you or of my faith in you.

*I pray this by the power of God,
Amen.*

DAY 8 - THE WORD

How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word. I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

Psalm 119:9-11

God's Word has transformational power in our lives. Hopefully, you are experiencing that very power as you walk through this prayer journal. There is no doubt a full-on cultural assault is being made on our hearts and minds. Psalm 119 reminds us of the valuable role Scripture can play in defense to that assault.

Today, pray the transformational work of scripture over yourself.

God,

Keep me on the path of purity I live according to your word. May I seek you with all my heart and not stray from your commands. Hide your word in my heart so that I might not sin against you.

Amen.

Added Exercise:

In what level are you exposing yourself to Scripture? What if you made it a point to commit verses to memory? Several of the Scriptures in this journal would be great to memorize. Maybe start with this one from today.

DAY 9 - TRUST

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:5-6

Where are you struggling to trust God?

What is happening that is hard to understand?

In what situations might you be trying to control more than you should?

You are responsible for your actions and choices. Yet, that those actions and choices must remain in submission to the ultimate leadership and guidance of the Almighty.

Today, pray this Scripture over you as you seek to trust God.

Almighty God,

I trust you. I trust you will lead me in (list the items in question #1).

I don't get it. I'm struggling to understand (list the items in question #2).

I submit to you. You have control when it comes to (list the items in question #3).

In everything I have mentioned, I ask that you make my paths straight.

Amen.

DAY 10: VALLEYS

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

James 1:2-4

We often view spiritual growth as happening in the good times or on the mountaintops, but is that really the case? If you have ever been to a mountain range, you will notice something about the vegetation. The higher you go in elevation, the less green you see. In nature, the most fertile land is found in the valleys. James reminds us the same is true when it comes to our spiritual journey. Our trials are fertile ground to experience a deepening in faith.

What are the “valleys” you are facing in your life right now?

Allow your prayer today to serve as a tiller in the soil of the valleys to help produce growth:

Lord,

This is not easy to say, but I consider it pure joy that these trials are present because I believe you are growing me. Give me perseverance through the valley(s) of (what you mentioned above) so that I may grow to be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

Amen.

DAY 11: JUSTICE

**Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed.
Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the
widow.**

Isaiah 1:17

There was a study where the older generation was asked to describe the younger generation in one word. The researchers then went to members of the younger generation to discuss the results. The younger generation was told that the top answer used by the older generation to describe them started with the letter “e” and were invited to guess the word. The answers were varied but had a theme: *Excellent. Exemplary. Exceptional.* The actual word: *Entitled.*

You are in a culture where “I need” and “I deserve” don’t really match up with the thought. I *need* an iPhone? I *deserve* a starting spot on the team? In the process, a lot of drama can come up where a phrase like “That’s not fair!” will be thrown out. The call of God on our lives involves us truly seeing the areas of wrong in this world and doing something to make things right.

Pray boldly and prophetically that you will move past entitlement and into a heart of compassion and justice.

*God,
I rebuke a sense of entitlement in the heart and mind of my generation.
Instead, I pray I would learn to do right and seek justice. Open my heart
and eyes to the oppressed, the fatherless and the widow all around me. As
you do, may I be one who defends those being oppressed, who takes up
the cause of the fatherless, and who pleads the case of the widow. May I
be moved by compassion into action.
Amen.*

What are specific ways this passage can become a reality in your life?

DAY 12: SOAR

He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Isaiah 40:29-31

If it hasn't happened yet, there is coming a time where you think to yourself, "I just want to quit!"

It may be school-related or it may be sports-related. It may be a relationship or a situation. How do you typically respond? We know we shouldn't quit and push forward, but there can be one of two ways to do this. One way is to do what is necessary to get through it... or in other words, to "survive." The other option is to not only get through it, but to capitalize on the opportunity no matter how dreaded or great it is. In other words, to "thrive." Isaiah reminds us that, even in the most weary states and in the seasons where all seems to be going wrong, we can find hope in the Lord.

Today, pray you will thrive as you SOAR above your circumstances.

God,

Your Word promises that you give strength to the weary and increase the power of the weak. I am weary and weak in these areas:

Even though I've grown tired and weary, even though I have stumbled and fallen, I put my hope in You, Lord. I pray for renewed strength. May I soar on wings like eagles; may I run and not grow weary, may I walk and not grow faint in all of the areas I have mentioned.

I pray this in the powerful name of Jesus.

Amen.

DAY 13: INFILTRATION & TRANSFORMATION

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will.

Romans 12:1-2

In his book “Engaging the Soul of Youth Culture,” Walt Mueller presents three ways we can choose to engage with the world around us.

1. **Accommodation** (or the church on a leash): We simply join in with what we see happening around us. When looking at us and examining our lives, it is hard to see a difference between us and those who do not claim Christianity.
2. **Alienation** (or the church in a bunker): We circle the wagons up and avoid any chance of getting “the world” on us. Non-Christians are the enemy and we find ourselves more offended by the sin around us than we are provoked to be a part of the restoring work of Jesus.
3. **Infiltration & Transformation** (or the church in the world but not of the world): We recognize we have been redeemed by God but also called by Him to be agents of redemption in this world. This is clearly the attitude Paul is taking up in this Romans passage. What if we were to take up the same attitude in our lives?

Pray that you may live as an agent of infiltration & transformation.

*Jesus,
In light of your mercy and as an act of worship, I offer myself to you as a living sacrifice. I pray that as I step into this culture, you would keep me from being conformed to its patterns, but instead I would be transformed by the renewing of my mind. God, I believe your promise for me, that in these steps I will be able to test and approve what your good, pleasing and perfect will is.
Amen.*

DAY 14: FRIENDS

Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.

Ephesians 4:31-32

There is a saying we share with our graduating Seniors as they prepare for life after youth group. "Good spiritual community covers a multitude of issues. Little or no spiritual community significantly amplifies issues." Friendships play a vital role in your spiritual journey.

Today, focus your prayer your friend group.

*Lord,
I lift up these friends:*

*As we spend time together and interact, I pray we would be free of all forms of bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, slander and any types of evil behavior. Instead, I ask that my friendships be marked by kindness. Allow us to display a tenderhearted nature toward each. Help us learn to forgive each other in the same way you have forgiven through your son.
Amen.*

Added Exercise: What are some specific ways you can be praying for your friends today?

DAY 15: ACTIVITIES

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**Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working
for the Lord, not for human masters,**

Colossians 3:23
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What is your ultimate hope for your extra-curricular activities? It could be wins or personal records or maybe even a college scholarship. Maybe the ultimate hope should be that you will learn what it looks like to fully glorify God in all you do.

What are the activities, commitments and talents you have the opportunity to glorify God in?

Pray today for your activities, commitments and talents.

*God,
I thank you for the opportunities I have. I pray that in (list the activities,
commitment and talents mentioned above) and whatever else I would do,
that it would be done with all my heart, as though working for You. I pray for
a deep desire to please You over pleasing man.
Amen.*

Added Assignment:

1. Pray for teammates, teachers & coaches tied to these activities in the same manner.
2. Pray for your parents' attitudes and actions as they support you in these activities.

DAY 16: THE HOME

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from His love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus.

Philippians 2:1-5

The home is meant to be a place of peace and joy where spiritual investment and nurturing is in full effect. In reality, the home is often a place of chaos and tension where spiritual strife and busy schedules are in full effect. When your home is at peace and Jesus is the center, many great things take place.

As you pray Philippians 2 today, consider physically walking through and literally praying over your home.

Almighty God,

I pray for a home that...

... is filled with encouragement from being united in Christ.

... walks in comfort from His love.

... has a common sharing in the Spirit.

...oozes a clear sense of tenderness and compassion.

God, may we be filled with complete joy through being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Help each of us, (name every family member), to do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather may we, in humility, value each other above ourselves, not looking to our own interests but the interests of one another. In our relationships with each other, may our attitudes be the same as that of Christ Jesus, in whose name I pray.

Amen.

DAY 17: PURE HEART/ WILLING SPIRIT

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Psalm 51:10-11

This Psalm is a prayer of David after he has been called out by the prophet Nathan for his sin in committing adultery with Bathsheba. This heartfelt prayer is a cry to God for mercy, but it is also a call to God for His great direction. In the same way David cried out to God, you can beg God for His continued presence and move in your heart and spirit.

Don't just pray, beg God over this Scripture today.

*Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation and a grant a willing spirit to sustain me.
Amen.*

***Note: You may notice this prayer matches the Scripture word-for-word. That is because the Psalms are prayers to God, and therefore can be great to make our own personal prayers to God.**

DAY 18: Dad

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. “Honor your father and mother”— which is the first commandment with a promise — “so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.” Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

Ephesians 6:1-4

It is not easy being a parent. The role of your Dad in your life is significant. Consider this: you are shaping your view of “Father God” more from your earthly father than you are any other person.

**Pray this Scripture over yourself and your dad today.
If your father is not present, pray this Scripture in hopes a father figure will rise up in your life.**

*Lord,
Help me obey my parents, because I know it’s the right thing to do. Show me how I can honor my parents so that it may go well with me and that I may enjoy long life on the earth.
And Father God, I pray specifically for my dad that he will not exasperate me, but instead, that he would bring me up in Your training and instruction.
Amen.*

What’s something specific you can do to honor your dad today?

DAY 19: MOTHERS

She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come.

She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her:

Proverbs 31:25-28

Moms are kind of a big deal to your family. They are the glue that holds the family together. It can come in a lot of roles like that of chauffeur, nurse, master chef, family secretary, family treasurer, and housekeeper. Consider what may be the most important role a mom could play to your family... prayer warrior. Countless testimonies of people are marked by the effects of a praying mom. But who is praying for her?

Pray this Scripture over your mom today.

If your mother is not present, pray this Scripture in hopes a mother figure will rise up in your life.

Lord,

Clothe my mom with strength and dignity; allow her to laugh at the days to come. Help her speak with wisdom, and may faithful instruction be on her tongue. As she watches over the affairs of the household, may she not eat the bread of idleness. Help us all find ways to rise up and call her blessed. Amen.

What's something specific you can do to bless your mom today?

DAY 20: CONTENTMENT

I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through Him who gives me strength.

Philippians 4:12-13

We all know Philippians 4:13 from the many athletes and artists who quote it after the big win or award. In this use, it brings across a message that may not be the true intent of Paul. This verse isn't about winning and being the best nearly as much as it is about being content. In a culture that is obsessed with "more," it can be tempting to confuse our wants and our needs. It can be an uphill battle to practice contentment and simplicity.

Pray today for a heart that accepts His strength in every situation.

*Lord,
These are the areas where I am in need:*

These are the areas where I see I have plenty:

I pray I would learn the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. Jesus, I know I can do all things through You who gives me strength. Help me to see that clearly.

Amen.

DAY 21: COMMISSION

Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Matthew 28:18-20

You are called to be a missionary. Now, before you start packing your bags for Africa, catch what the word missionary really means. It is simply one who has been sent on a mission. Every teen who has accepted Christ as Savior (and every person in the world) is subject to the mission that Jesus lays out in Matthew. This commissioning prayer of Jesus is not a suggestion but a command to “go and make disciples.” Are you willing and available to fulfill the greatest calling he/she will ever receive? The word *nations* in Greek is *ethnos*, which could just as easily be translated *people groups* or *people*. This commission can be lived out in the very place you are stepping foot right now.

Pray this commissioning prayer over your day today.

*Jesus,
I know all authority on heaven and earth has been given to You. Therefore,
I pray that as I go out to*

*that I will make it my mission to make disciples of all people, baptizing them
in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and
teaching them to obey everything you have commanded us. And Lord, I
know with certainty you are with me always, to the very end of the age.
Amen.*

DAY 22: LIFE

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

John 10:10

There could not be two more polar opposite missions than those outlined by Jesus in this Scripture. First is Satan, the thief. His mission is not only to ruin, but to completely destroy. Then Jesus states His mission. He is not only here to bring life, He wants to bring life to the full. Who is the focus of this mission? It's you.

Today, take up the side of the one you want to see win the battle in your life.

God,

I know that Satan is out to steal, kill and destroy my life. I specifically see the battle playing out in these areas of my life:

Lord, Satan is a defeated foe. I proclaim life through Christ. And Jesus, may this not just be "getting by" type of life. I boldly ask that you bring life to the full in every area mentioned above.

I pray this in the name and authority of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

DAY 23: FUTURE

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

Jeremiah 29:11

You have plans and aspirations for your life. What are they (be gut-level honest)?

There are things you are afraid may harm you. What are they (again, gut-level honest)?

You have plans and concerns for your life, but in the end they pale in comparison to the plans and concerns Almighty God has for you.

Submit these plans and concerns to God as you pray this Scripture.

*Creator of the Universe,
I know you have plans for me. I trust your promise that those plans are to prosper and not to harm me. Therefore, I submit my plans and concerns to you. I believe in return, you have plans to give me a hope and a future.
Amen.*

DAY 24: CLOTHES

Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Colossians 3:12-14

Every morning, you wake up and get ready for the day. A big part of that preparation is picking out an outfit to wear. Maybe for you it includes a lot of drama and 5-25 outfit changes, or maybe it involves a quick “smell test” (sniff the arm pits) and out the door. Paul paints a picture in Colossians of the Christian spiritually clothing him/herself.

As you pray this Scripture, picture yourself putting on and outfit with these virtues.

*God,
As your chosen person, holy and dearly loved, this morning I clothe myself with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. I pray that as I interact with others, I would bear with others and forgive anyone I have a grievance against. Help me forgive as you have forgiven me. And God, over this entire spiritual wardrobe, I pray love, which binds everything together in perfect unity.
Amen.*

Which virtues especially strike you for your teen today and why?

DAY 25: CONQUERORS

What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:31, 37-39

Have you ever had to pick teams for kickball? Ugh. There are two major fears. The first is getting picked last (what a great mode of confidence building, right?) The second is getting stuck on the losing team. When it comes to our faith, we are not being selected last and we have the invitation to be a part of the winning team. The reason we are selected to that team... LOVE. And it's not some kind of conditional love. It's an unbreakable, unshakable love from the Almighty Creator of the universe!

Pray for confidence and awareness of God's unbreakable love today.

Lord,

As I pray today, I think about the following things I am facing:

And, here is what I say in response to these things: If you are for me, God, who can be against me? In all these things I proclaim I am more than a conqueror for you who loved me. And Lord, I am convinced and proclaim that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate me from Your love that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

DAY 26: LISTEN

My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.

James 1:19

There is a lot of noise in this world. Actually, our culture seems to do everything they can to avoid silence. There is also a rising sense that everyone needs to share their thoughts on everything. A quick look at your social media feed will confirm this. Silence and listening is becoming a lost art. Don't let it be lost in your life.

Pray this simple but significant truth over your life today.

Lord,

Today, may I be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.

Amen.

Now, pray this truth over your friends and family members today.

Lord,

May (your friends' and family members' names) be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.

Amen.

As you have prayed this truth over yourself, your friends, and your entire family, now take some time to evaluate how you can better display this truth. What needs to happen to make James 1:19 more evident?

DAY 27: IMMEASURABLY MORE

Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Ephesians 3:20

As you read this verse, don't the words *immeasurably more* jump out at you? Allow those two combined words to really settle in. There's more... which is an increased amount. Then, there's *immeasurably more*... which is pretty much where God operates. Pastor, theologian, and author A.B. Simpson once said, "Our God has boundless resources. The only limit is in us. Our asking, our thinking, our praying are too small. Our expectations are too limited."

As we consider this potential we must remember that although He is able to do *immeasurably more*, He is the One who will determine what and when to do it. However, we are welcome to ask.

Pray today asking for *immeasurably more* and submitting to Him to provide.

*Lord,
I believe you are able to do IMMEASURABLY MORE than anything I can ask or imagine. So, I ask for *immeasurably more* in the following areas:*

*I ask these things to be done according to your power that is at work within me. And no matter the outcome, to you be glory in the church, in Christ Jesus and in _____, for ever and ever!
Amen.*

DAY 28 - BENEDICTION & BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

This priestly prayer was given to Aaron (and his sons) by God for the people of Israel. It was to serve as a benediction, or a closing blessing. In it we are reminded that we can be...

- ...recipients of divine blessing.
- ... protected by the Almighty God.
- ... exposed to His radiant presence.
- ... encounter His amazing grace.
- ... capture His attention.
- ... walk in His full peace.

As you finish up this devotional, this does not need to be the end of praying Scripture. In fact, in the page to follow there are references to an additional 32 verses or passages of Scripture to pray... allowing a total of 60 days of praying Scripture.

For today, allow this priestly benediction to be your prayer today.

*Lord,
Bless me and keep me. Lord, make your face shine on me and be gracious to me. Lord, turn your face toward me and give me peace.
Amen.*

What have been your biggest takeaways on this devotional/prayer journey?

32 More Scriptures to Pray:

1. Numbers 14:18
2. Psalm 23
3. Psalm 51:10
4. Psalm 63:8
5. Psalm 111:10
6. Psalm 139
7. Isaiah 41:10
8. Micah 6:8
9. Lamentations 3:22-23
10. Matthew 6:33-36
11. Matthew 11:28-30
12. Luke 9:23-26
13. John 3:30
14. John 3:16-17
15. John 15:5
16. Romans 12:12
17. 2 Corinthians 4:8-12
18. 2 Corinthians 5:17
19. 2 Corinthians 5:20
20. Colossians 2:7
21. Colossians 4:2-6
22. Ephesians 2:8-9
23. Ephesians 5:15-17
24. Philippians 4:6-8
25. Galatians 2:20
26. 1 Thessalonians 5:15-17
27. 2 Timothy 4:6-7
28. James 4:7-10
29. 1 John 3:16-18
30. 1 Peter 5:7
31. Hebrews 12:1-2
32. Revelation 3:20