

Equipping For Life

Developing Spiritual Habits is one part of following Jesus for life.

By using the S.O.A.P. acronym you will know what Scripture to read, make some Observations about it, learn to Apply what you read to your life, and give you a Prayer point.

Along with S.O.A.P. memorizing one Scripture a week will help you make God's word a part of your life.

S James 4

O Being the world's friend makes you what?

A Any person who knows what is right but does not do it, is sinning. Many times we hear God or feel the Holy Spirit directing us to start something or stop something but we are afraid to make that first move. How can these help you to do the right thing as soon as God speaks to you? What are some of your strong characteristics? How can these help you to do what is right as soon as God speaks?

P Lord, Thank you for Your grace. I pray that my heart will be in the right place, that my intentions will be pure and my spirit will be ready and willing to obey because it is the right thing to do.

Bible Memory

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(Psalm 46:1)

Day 1

S James 5

O What does the farmer wait patiently for?

A Everyone has something that they are waiting and expecting the Lord to deliver them from. Illness, financial trouble, depression, a secret sin, heartache, bullying- you never know what another person could be dealing with in private. Look out for one another, treat each other with kindness and in a way that draws people to Jesus. Wait patiently, Jesus knows what you are going through and when the time comes He will provide and heal in ways much better than we can expect of earthly standards!

P Jesus, Help me to be patient like the farmer while I wait for the harvest You have promised me. Help me to be like Elijah, an earnest and righteous person. I want to live my life like my heart believes.

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Day 2

S 1 Peter 1

O Why should we be holy?

A Just as we are reading testimonies in the Bible through our devotions and using these to help us understand and obey the Lord, our testimony is what others use to understand Jesus and what being a Christian really means. We are not living each day for ourselves, we are living each day as a testimony of Jesus Christ. Enduring hardships with joy and trust in Christ, showing kindness through our actions and words, keeping our lives pure, these are what will be used by those around us to help them decide whether they want to live for Jesus also!

P Lord, I want to share with others the only thing that will last forever, the greatest treasure which is You. Please work in me and through me so that my life will be a part of what brings others to know You and helps them through life's tough times.

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Day 3

S 1 Peter 2

O How does verse 9 describe followers of Christ?

We are called to be different! We are called to stand out and stand up. How does this chapter tell us to do this? By being submissive to our authority, by not offending others or allowing ourselves to be offended, to abstain from things of the world. We are now a part, a stone in the building of God's house and have a special purpose that is pleasing to Christ. Take a moment to consider just what this means and how it makes you feel.

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Day 4

P Lord, You are the ultimate example of who You call us to be. With You in my heart, I have what I need to live a life of a "peculiar" person. Please allow my life to be a testimony that is full of evidence of Your love and character.

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S 1 Peter 3

O What should we always be ready to do?

Do you have any relationships that are hard for you to be kind in? Perhaps a parent is particularly hard on you or a teacher seems to pick on you - maybe there is a peer or a sibling who bullies you, or maybe you just feel left out all the time. The Bible says to bless those people, to bless everyone around you who is not in right relationship with you. To pray for their welfare and happiness and protection and to truly love them. Think of those in your life who you are having a hard time feeling this way about. Take a few moments to pray for them.

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Day 5

P Jesus, I know that it is better to suffer here on earth than it is to suffer for eternity, but it is not an easy scripture to follow. Please help me to be good to those who I feel are against me. Show me ways to bless them today and each time I have contact with them.

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S 1 Peter 4

O What should we have above all other things?

We have been filled with the love of Jesus Christ and we are called to love others. When you love a person it is easy to do what is right. When you love a person you do not want to see them hurt or harmed in any way. You have a desire to serve them and show them love in all different manners. Is there anyone on earth who loves you like this? How does this make you feel? You may not feel this love for everyone around you yet but if you practice loving others by just doing it, the love comes with it. Who can you practice loving this week?

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Day 6

P Thank you, God, for the spiritual talents you have given to me. I ask that you will add to these an abundant amount of love for others and the wisdom to know how to love each person the way that is best for them. Thank you for Your grace and love in my life.

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S 1 Peter 5

O How does God treat the proud? The humble?

Have you ever wondered how to treat other people? How should you lead people; how should young people treat those who are older; how should you be at all times? God's Word is clear: As a leader, be an example and act the way you want those who follow you to act. Youth should be submissive to their elders and we are to be humble towards others at all times. After reading this chapter, how are you going to treat others?

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Day 7

P Lord God, Your Word is clear on how I am to treat others. May I be an example to others and be humble in my attitude, words, and actions.

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