

Personal DailyWalk

November 27 – December 3, 2017



Monday: 2 Corinthians 5:14-21 Verse 17: *So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!* Are you a new creation? Can you let the old pass away? It is hard to let yesterday go. It is hard to cut ourselves and others a little slack. This week, repeat verse 17 out loud and pray for the Love of Christ to help you let the old you pass away and let the new you in Christ shine forth.

Tuesday: John 13:12-15 I admit it, I don't like anyone messing with my feet. I have only had two pedicures in my life, and I really can't say they were relaxing. So I have to get past the feet washing, and look at this a little differently. I see two things going on here. One, the disciples had to accept help/service from someone they greatly admired. That can be hard to accept, especially when you want to serve (or impress) them. Two, Christ showed in a very tangible way, not only who he is, but what He believes to be important. Today, put yourself in both places. See where you need to humble yourself and accept the assistance being offered. Also, look for where you can show Christ's love in a very real and tangible way, and do it.

Wednesday: Isaiah 58:1-11 Oh, Isaiah really cuts us to the core! Hypocrisy or real heartfelt blessings toward others. Today, take a heartfelt look into your *whys* – why you do what you do. Are you serving your own interests, or are you being a blessing to others? Pray for honesty in your relationship with God and with others.

Thursday: 1 Corinthians 4:1-2 Yesterday we talked about honesty with God. Today we explore our trustworthiness. Reflect on how trustworthy God sees you. I imagine if God sees you as trustworthy, then the world will see the same thing. What do you think? Pray that you are trustworthy in God's eyes.

Friday: 2 Corinthians 4:1-2 Oh how highly I think of myself sometimes! We are a society of 'pull yourself up by your bootstraps and get 'er done.' I know I sometimes lose sight that it is not I, it is God through me doing the work. It is only by the grace of God that I can move forward. This is a good reminder to not lose heart, because it IS by the grace of God that we are doing ministry. Pray in verse one, remembering God's mercy and grace as you bring His light into this world.

Saturday: Micah 6:8 I don't think we can hear/read this verse too many times. Christ may have changed the rules with His saving death and resurrection, but even with this transformed life, we are still ... to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God... maybe because of this transformed life it is even more important. Pray that God will show you where you should do justice, where you need to love kindness, and how to walk humbly with God.

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Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent: 2 Corinthians 9 How do you balance the desire to be a cheerful and generous giver, with the worldly view of conserve because I don't know what tomorrow will bring? On one hand, God does not want us to give out of compulsion, to boast about ourselves, because we think God will increase our wealth by our giving. On the other hand, God expects us to take care of others and give so that others can receive. I think he expects us to do it with a glad and loving heart. God expects us to give as lavishly as He gives. Pray that God has sown His seed of generosity into your heart, and the faith to believe that seeds can multiply.

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