

Personal DailyWalk

May 21-27, 2018

These devotions are based on Martin Luther's selected Bible passages for the Household in the Small Catechism.



Monday: 1 Timothy 3:2-3 What does it mean to be above reproach? How do our actions toward not only our friends, but our enemies, commend our Christian faith? Today, pray for Sunday School teachers, pastors, church leaders and for all those we look to as examples of Christian kindness and gentleness. Ask God to help you be a model for others, as well.

Tuesday: 1 Peter 3:7 Being a family is so much more than filling the specific roles of mother, father, daughter, son. It is living together in response to the gracious love of God, and it filters down into the way we remain faithful to those we love. Pray for fathers and husbands, that they may show fidelity and kindness to their families in ways that honor God.

Wednesday: 1 Peter 3:1, 6 Who has authority in our families? Is this passage out of touch with our context? Or is there still something for us to hold onto here? Ponder what it means to mutually love and submit your heart for the well-being of a partner. Pray for the Holy Spirit to rest on mothers and wives this week; may they feel the love and warmth of Jesus through their partners and children.

Thursday: Ephesian 6:1-3 Children have a special place in Jesus' heart, he welcomes them! And we are always children of our parents, no matter how old we get. If we are welcomed by Jesus, how can we issue that welcome forward to our parents? Consider the parental figures and mentors in your life, and pray in thanksgiving to God for their provision and guidance.

Friday: Ephesians 6:5-8 As Christians, we have been baptized for a purpose, and that purpose becomes our vocation in life. God has blessed each of us with vocational gifts so that no matter where we are, we are proclaiming God's glory through our actions. Today, pray for your employer (past or present), that the work they provide their employees might be gratifying and fulfilling.

Saturday: 1 Peter 5:5-6 Young people are a map of the people who have cared and nurtured them. This is not only the work of parents, but the work of the church. Pray for young people, especially those you know who are facing challenges and change.

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Sunday: 1 Timothy 5:5-6 Jesus Christ has given us hope in the resurrection of all things - we will see our loved ones again! But we must walk each day without some of our loved ones beside us. Pray for those who are grieving, and give thanks to God for the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

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