

5-day Bible devotional guide based on the themes from the "No Entry" sermon

Day 1: The Narrow Door Reading: Luke 13:22-30

Devotional: Jesus' words about the narrow door remind us that following Him requires intentional effort and dedication. Today, reflect on your spiritual journey. Are you actively seeking to enter through the narrow door, or have you become complacent in your faith? Consider areas of your life where you may have strayed onto the "broad path" and ask God for guidance to realign your steps with His will. Remember, it's not about perfection, but about earnestly seeking God with all your heart, soul, and strength. Pray for a renewed commitment to follow Christ wholeheartedly.

Day 2: Known by God Reading: Matthew 7:21-23

Devotional: The sobering reality that some who claim to know Jesus will be told "I never knew you" challenges us to examine the authenticity of our relationship with God. It's not about religious activities or outward appearances, but about genuinely knowing and being known by God. Today, take time to quiet your heart and invite God to reveal any areas where you might be putting on a "Christian image" without true heart transformation. Ask the Holy Spirit to deepen your intimacy with God and to help you live out your faith genuinely in every aspect of your life.

Day 3: The Holy Spirit's Guidance Reading: John 16:7-15

Devotional: The concept of blasphemy against the Holy Spirit can be troubling, but remember – if you're concerned about it, you likely haven't committed it. This sin involves a complete and willful rejection of God's work through the Holy Spirit. Today, focus on cultivating sensitivity to the Holy Spirit's guidance in your life. Today, practice being attentive to the Holy Spirit's prompting. Set aside quiet time to listen for His guidance. Ask Him to convict you of sin, lead you towards righteousness, and reveal more of Jesus to you. Be open to His direction, even if it challenges your comfort or preconceptions. Journal any insights or convictions you receive.

Day 4: Loving God and Neighbor Reading: Mark 12:28-34 Devotional: Jesus summarizes the greatest commandments: love God with all your being and love your neighbor as yourself. This all-encompassing love is at the heart of authentic Christian living. Reflect on how you express your love for God. Is it evident in your priorities, your time, and your choices? Consider also how you demonstrate love for others, including those different from you or even those you might consider enemies. Ask God to expand your capacity to love Him more deeply and to see others through His eyes. Commit to one specific action today that will demonstrate love to God and to a neighbor.

Day 5: Living with Eternal Perspective Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Devotional: As followers of Christ, we're called to set our minds on things above, not on earthly things. This eternal perspective should shape our priorities, decisions, and daily lives. Today, consider how your current lifestyle aligns with your eternal destiny. Are there areas where you've become too focused on temporary, worldly concerns? Ask God to help you see your life through His eyes and to live each day with the awareness that you belong to Him. Pray for wisdom to invest your time, talents, and resources in ways that have eternal significance.