

Sermon Application Devotion Guide: Part 2: Choosing Between the Light of Christ or the Darkness of Today's Societal Norms. October 20, 2024

Day 1: Simplicity in Faith

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 13:5 **Reflection:** Begin your week by examining your faith. Are you living a life that reflects the simplicity of Christ's teachings? Take time today to reflect on your relationship with Jesus. Are there areas in your life where complexity has blurred your priorities? **Prayer:** Lord, help me to examine my heart and align my life with Your simple yet profound teachings. Reveal any areas where I have strayed from Your path.

Day 2: Avoiding Worldliness

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 3:3 **Reflection:** Consider the ways in which worldly desires and societal norms may have influenced your life. Are jealousy and quarreling present in your relationships? Reflect on how these behaviors are signs of a worldly spirit. **Prayer:** Father, cleanse me of any worldly desires that have taken root in my heart. Fill me with Your Spirit and help me to live a life that reflects Your love and purity.

Day 3: Non-Conformity to the World

Scripture: Romans 12:2 **Reflection:** Reflect on the ways you may have conformed to the patterns of this world. Are there areas in your life where you need to renew your mind and transform your actions to align with God's will? **Prayer:** Lord, transform my mind and heart. Help me to resist conforming to the world and instead be transformed by Your Word and Spirit.

Day 4: The Simplicity of Jesus' Teachings

Scripture: Matthew 4:17, 4:19, 7:24-27 **Reflection:** Jesus' teachings are simple yet profound. Reflect on the simplicity of His call to repent, follow Him, and put His words into practice. How can you incorporate these simple commands into your daily life? **Prayer:** Jesus, thank You for Your clear and simple teachings. Help me to repent, follow You, and live out Your words in my daily life.

Day 5: Love and Forgiveness

Scripture: Mark 12:30-31, Matthew 5:44, John 13:34-35 **Reflection:** Jesus emphasized love and forgiveness. Reflect on how you can love God, your neighbor, and even your enemies. Are there relationships in your life that need reconciliation and forgiveness? **Prayer:** Lord, fill my heart with Your love. Help me to love You, my neighbors, and even my enemies. Grant me the grace to forgive and reconcile with those who have hurt me.

Day 6: The Great Commission

Scripture: Matthew 28:19, Matthew 10:7, 24:14 **Reflection:** Jesus commissioned us to go, make disciples, and proclaim the Kingdom. Reflect on how you can participate in this mission. Are there opportunities in your life to share the Gospel and make disciples? **Prayer:** Father, give me the courage and wisdom to share the Gospel and make disciples. Help me to be a faithful witness of Your Kingdom.

Day 7: Living a Spirit-Fueled Life

Scripture: Luke 10:9, 19; Mark 16:15-18 **Reflection:** Reflect on the power and authority given to us by the Holy Spirit. Are you living a life that is fueled by the Spirit, bringing healing and deliverance to those around you? **Prayer:** Holy Spirit, fill me with Your power and authority. Help me to live a life that brings healing, deliverance, and the good news of Jesus to those around me.

Conclusion

As you conclude this week of devotionals, remember that simplicity in faith is not about ease but about focus. Keep your eyes on Jesus and let His simple yet profound teachings guide your life. May you be filled with the Spirit and empowered to live out your faith in every aspect of your life.