

*Daily Devotional Guide to
the Book of John*

John Chapter 14

Days 161 - 171

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A Daily Devotional Study Of The Gospel Of John

You will need a Bible of your own to do this devotional study. Reading the Bible with an open heart and mind brings us into God's presence, and getting to know God is accomplished by spending time with him on a daily basis. This study is designed to develop or maintain the habit of meeting daily with God, sometimes referred to as a devotional time with God. It doesn't have to take a large chunk of time, but it needs to be focused on the Scriptures (the Bible). It doesn't have to cover a lot of material or content every day, it just needs to be understood and applied to our lives.

The study days are numbered so that you can do them any day of the week, preferably one each day. However, if you miss a day, it won't matter because the days are not assigned a date or day of the week.

My approach to the study is a verse by verse exploration and application of God's Word to our lives. This is an *inductive* study, which means that we derive meaning from the Biblical text itself rather than from outside sources. The passages for each day are short, to enable you to focus more in depth on a few verses at a time. I frequently bring additional Scripture into the discussion in an effort to ensure accurate interpretation of the day's topics.

How This Devotional Study Works

1. In your Bible, look up and read the verses for the day.
2. Write the first verse for the day in the top left space under *What it Says* (Row 1, Column 1).
3. Working left to right, read the comments in the *Meanings/Principles* space (Row 1, Column 2).
4. Then, write your answers to the questions to clarify *What it Means to Me* (Row 1, Column 3).
5. Continue by writing the next verse in Row 2, Column 1, reading Row 2 Column 2, and writing answers to questions in Row 2, Column 3.
6. Continue working left to right as you go down the page.

To summarize, first read through the verses in John for the day. Then write exactly what the first verse says in the first column. (*Write each verse word for word, exactly as it appears in the Bible in column one.*) After you write out each verse, read the second column that clarifies the important information given in that verse and then answer the questions in column three related to the verse. (*Work left to right. It is important to answer each question based on the verse and its meaning in column two.*)

You may choose to either 1) print pages and write in the spaces provided or 2) enter your responses on your computer. If you use your computer you can save your work, then come back and print at any time. If your response exceeds the space allowed you can scroll the text area to see the complete text; but if you print, some of the text may be hidden.

What It Says	Meaning/Principles	What It Means to Me
<p>John 14:1</p>	<p>It is easy for us to have troubled hearts. We don't have control over circumstances and we don't know what will happen in the future. Our tendency is to become anxious. Jesus wants us to trust both him and our Heavenly Father.</p>	<p>What am I anxious about today?</p> <p>To whom should I take these concerns?</p>
<p>John 14:2</p>	<p>In Jesus' earthly Jewish culture, a young man prepared a place in his father's house to bring his new bride. By referencing this, Jesus reveals his everlasting love for us and his ability to provide for us, not only in this life, but eternally.</p>	<p>Do I think of Jesus as one who provides for me? Have I thanked him for what I have today?</p> <p>How does it make me feel to know that I have an eternal home, a place to belong, in God's heaven?</p>

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<p>John 14:3</p>	<p>Jesus is no longer physically on the earth with us, but he wants us to know that someday we will be with him forever. We may rest in both his desire and his ability to bring it about. Someday, he will come back to earth to take all who believe him to be with him!</p>	<p>How does it make me feel to know that Jesus loves <i>me</i> so much that he will take <i>me</i> to be with <i>him</i>?</p> <p>Even if my earthly body is failing, how does Jesus' love provide for me in this life and after I die? (II Corinthians 4:16-5:1)</p> <p>If I am alive when Jesus comes, how does Jesus' love provide for me? (Review I Thessalonians 4:13-18)</p>

What would I like to say to Jesus?

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<p>John 14:4</p>	<p>Jesus reassured his disciples that even though he would be gone from them, they would eventually follow him to heaven and the Father's presence.</p>	<p>If I am a follower of Jesus, how can I rest in knowing where I will ultimately go? (II Corinthians 5:4-5)</p>
<p>John 14:5</p>	<p>At this point in time, Thomas didn't understand where Jesus was going. Therefore, Thomas had no idea where he, himself, was going.</p>	<p>What causes me to feel lost in this life and unsure about the next? How can I overcome that?</p>

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<p>John 14:6</p> <div data-bbox="100 281 428 968" style="border: 1px solid black; height: 327px;"></div>	<p>It is through faith in Jesus that we gain the privilege of approaching our Heavenly Father.</p>	<p>Whom (not what) do I need to know in order to know the way to God, to apprehend the truth about life, and to experience a full, blessed life?</p> <div data-bbox="789 344 1524 516" style="border: 1px solid black; height: 82px;"></div> <p>What is the message we need to give to the spiritually hungry and thirsty?</p> <div data-bbox="789 588 1524 968" style="border: 1px solid black; height: 181px;"></div>

What do I need to say to Jesus?

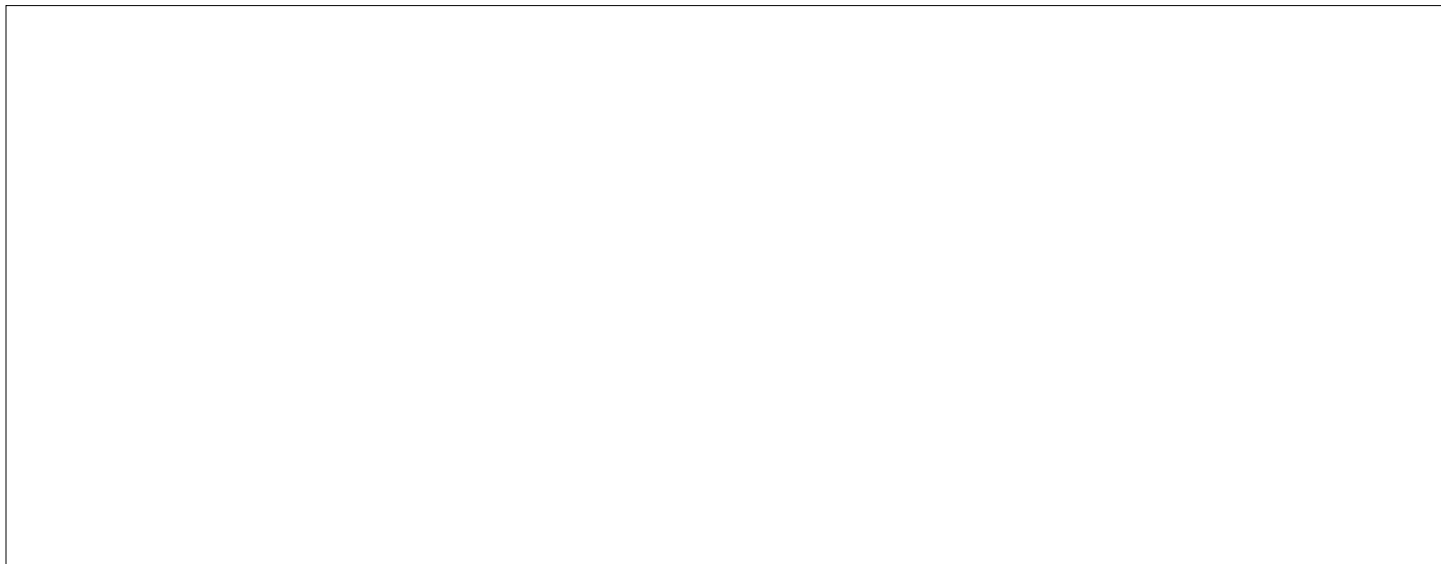
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John 14:7 	Jesus said that to know him is to know God the Father.	So, how can I grow in my knowledge of God?
John 14:8 	We have a desire to see God, to know he is real and to see what kind of God he really is. We want to have things settled with God.	Why do I want to see God?

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<p>John 14:9</p> <div data-bbox="100 281 428 1776" style="border: 1px solid black; height: 712px;"></div>	<p>If we are walking with Jesus we know God is real, we know what kind of God he really is, and we can rest in his grace and mercy. If we know Jesus, we know God.</p>	<p>What do I know about God from Jesus' life? (Scan chapters 1-13 of John or use other scripture. List a Bible reference that supports each statement.)</p> <div data-bbox="789 344 1524 1776" style="border: 1px solid black; height: 682px;"></div>

Day 163

Read John 14:7-9


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<p>John 14:12</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 280px; width: 100%;"></div>	<p>It is our faith in Jesus that provides us with daily strength and joy and the courage to be extraordinary.</p>	<p>What connection is there between my faith and my actions? Here are examples from my past:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 280px; width: 100%;"></div>
<p>John 14:13</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 280px; width: 100%;"></div>	<p>Jesus wants to work through us to bring glory to God.</p>	<p>Why does Jesus do what we ask?</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 100px; width: 100%;"></div> <p>How should that impact what I ask for in the future?</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 150px; width: 100%;"></div>

Day 164 ***Read John 14:10-13***

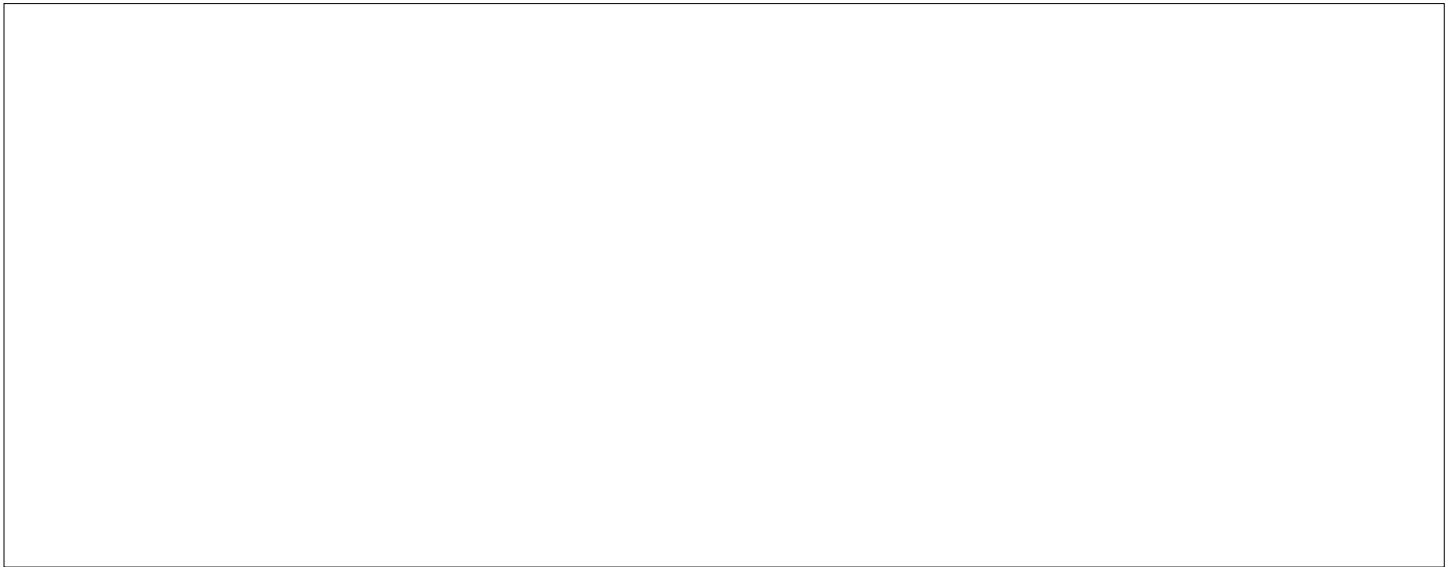
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<p>John 14:14</p>	<p>(Review John 14:10-13 from yesterday to put this verse in context.) Jesus will do anything we ask to bring others to faith (doing God's work in verse 10).</p>	<p>Why is praying in Jesus' name so powerful?</p> <p>What do I need right now? Why?</p> <p>Who ultimately supplies it?</p> <p>Will it further God's kingdom in me and others?</p> <p>Will it bring God glory?</p> <p>What if I'm not sure what to pray? (Romans 8:26-27)</p>

Day 165 ***Read John 14:14***

What do I want to say to Jesus?

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<p>John 14:14</p>	<p>Optional additional day on prayer: I understand that my prayer requests should be asked in the name of Jesus; that my requests should accomplish God's work (grow his kingdom by bringing salvation through faith in Jesus as the Son of God); and that my requests should bring glory to God. I also know that God loves me and cares about me and my needs, so what other principles should guide my requests? Record the principles reflected in the verses in column three.</p>	<p>James 1:2-8</p> <p>Matthew 18:19-20</p> <p>Matthew 5:44-48</p> <p>Matthew 6:5-6</p> <p>Matthew 6:7-8</p> <p>Matthew 6:9-13</p> <p>Philippians 4:4-7</p>

Day 166 ***Read John 14:14 (Optional additional day)***

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<p>John 14:15</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 100px; width: 100%;"></div>	<p>Just as Jesus does whatever we ask in his name because he loves us, our love for Jesus makes us want to follow him in obedience.</p>	<p>What do I think Jesus is asking me to do today?</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 100px; width: 100%;"></div>
<p>John 14:16</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 450px; width: 100%;"></div>	<p>Jesus sent the Holy Spirit of God to help us in his absence. God's Holy Spirit will never leave his followers.</p>	<p>What is Jesus really asking of his followers? (Scan chapters 1-13 of John and list the Bible reference that supports what Jesus is asking me to do.)</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 450px; width: 100%;"></div>

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<p>John 14:17</p> <div data-bbox="100 281 428 947" style="border: 1px solid black; height: 317px;"></div>	<p>God's Spirit speaks truth and is in those who follow Jesus. Those who don't know Jesus will not understand God's Spirit that counsels us in truth.</p>	<p>What truth is God telling me right now?</p> <div data-bbox="789 281 1524 947" style="border: 1px solid black; height: 317px;"></div>

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<p>John 14:18</p>	<p>Jesus wanted his followers to know that his death would not be the final event. He wanted them to know he was not abandoning them. Jesus won't abandon us.</p>	<p>Do I fear that Jesus will give up on me, won't care, or won't be able to help me?</p> <p>What circumstances seem beyond the care of Jesus?</p> <p>Have I taken it to him in prayer?</p>
<p>John 14:19</p>	<p>Jesus later rose again and was seen by his followers. He was the first human being to be raised to <i>eternal</i> life. He shares his victory over death with us by promising to resurrect us and give us new, eternal bodies.</p>	<p>What guarantee do I have that Jesus will resurrect me with a new and different kind of body? (Review I Corinthians 15:19-23, 50-58)</p>

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<p>John 14:20</p> <div data-bbox="100 281 428 905" style="border: 1px solid black; height: 297px;"></div>	<p>The resurrection shows that Jesus was here in the Father's power. The resurrection shows that Jesus has the authority and power to be our Savior. When the disciples finally saw Jesus alive again in all his glory, they realized all that he <i>is</i>.</p>	<p>What does it mean to be united with Jesus, the One who is united with God the Father?</p> <div data-bbox="789 310 1524 905" style="border: 1px solid black; height: 283px;"></div>

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<p>John 14:23</p> <div data-bbox="100 279 428 905"></div>	<p>If we love Jesus we will obey his teachings. Following Jesus causes God to love us and come to us.</p>	<p>Why is it so important to God the Father that we obey Jesus? (Mark 9:7)</p> <div data-bbox="789 312 1524 905"></div>
<p>John 14:24</p> <div data-bbox="100 955 428 1581"></div>	<p>God says that if we are not obeying Jesus' teachings it is because we do not love him.</p>	<p>How could I more consistently demonstrate that I really love Jesus?</p> <div data-bbox="789 989 1524 1581"></div>

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Read John 14:21-24

What would I like to say to Jesus?

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<p>John 14:25</p>	<p>To review, Jesus said that he and the Father are one, that Jesus would do whatever we ask in his name, that we will follow his commands if we love him, that the Father will love us if we follow Jesus' teaching, and that Jesus would send us a Counselor (the Holy Spirit) when he went to the Father.</p>	<p>What have I recently asked in Jesus' name?</p> <p>How have I recently experienced the love of the Father in my life?</p>
<p>John 14:26</p>	<p>Our Heavenly Father sent the Holy Spirit in the name of Jesus to teach us and remind us of his words.</p>	<p>Have I ever prayed for guidance or help and a Scripture verse has come into my mind or was brought to my attention? Give an example.</p>

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<p>John 14:27</p> <div data-bbox="100 281 428 905" style="border: 1px solid black; height: 297px;"></div>	<p>Peace from this world is temporary and fragile. The reason that we do not need to be afraid or troubled is that Jesus has secured a permanent, indestructible peace for us.</p>	<p>Am I currently experiencing the peace that Jesus gives? What does it look like in real life?</p> <div data-bbox="789 310 1524 905" style="border: 1px solid black; height: 283px;"></div>

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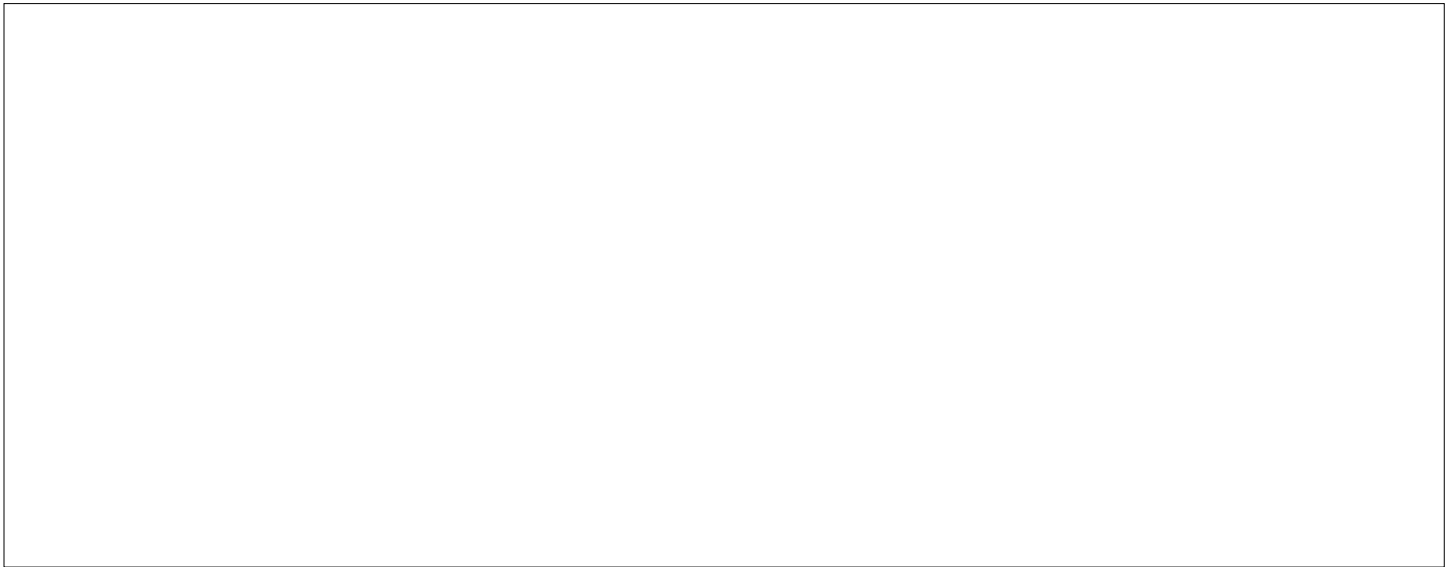
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<p>John 14:28</p>	<p>Jesus is now in heaven with God the Father. Jesus' suffering for our sins, his resurrection, and his ascension into heaven to be seated at God's right hand show us that all the power and authority of God the Father now belong to Jesus.</p>	<p>Jesus is not confined to human attributes. When he responds to my requests it is with the full power of God. What specifically would I like to ask Jesus for today?</p>
<p>John 14:29</p>	<p>Jesus did not want his followers to misunderstand the events about to take place. He knew what would happen, he knew why the crucifixion and resurrection must take place, and he knew the good that would come because of it. He also knew that from a human perspective it would look like defeat even though it is actually the greatest good that has ever happened in the history of the world.</p>	<p>How can I help people understand the truth behind the crucifixion and resurrection?</p> <p>How can I stay focused on truth in my own life?</p>

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<p>John 14:30</p> <div data-bbox="100 281 428 737"></div>	<p>Satan had no power over Jesus, but Satan was allowed to accomplish the crucifixion...</p>	<p>Does Satan have any power over followers of Jesus?</p> <div data-bbox="789 281 1524 737"></div>
<p>John 14:31</p> <div data-bbox="100 783 428 1314"></div>	<p>so that Jesus could demonstrate obedience to Father by making the ultimate sacrifice.</p>	<p>Why might God allow trials or sacrifice in my life?</p> <div data-bbox="789 783 1524 1314"></div>

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Read John 14:28-31

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