

*Daily Devotional Guide to  
the Book of John*

**John Chapter 15**

**Days 172 - 179**

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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 15:1</p>	<p>God decides who is his and what is to be done. His efforts and interest are centered in Jesus and in those who belong to Jesus.</p>	<p>How important is it to God that we belong to Jesus?</p>
<p>John 15:2</p>	<p>Those who claim Jesus but are not connected in a life-giving relationship will not be allowed to be part of him. God works in our lives to produce more fruit for Jesus.</p>	<p>What is God's intention for me?</p>
<p>John 15:3</p>	<p>We are cleansed by belief and obedience in Jesus, and by his clean position before the Father. Believing Jesus' words has placed us in relationship to and dependence upon him.</p>	<p>How does God see me?</p>

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<p>John 15:4</p> <div data-bbox="100 281 428 978" style="border: 1px solid black; height: 332px;"></div>	<p>If we seek Jesus, he will not turn us away. The only way to “succeed” is to keep seeking Jesus.</p>	<p>How do I guarantee that Jesus is active in my life and that I bear fruit for him?</p> <div data-bbox="789 310 1524 697" style="border: 1px solid black; height: 184px;"></div> <p>Is God great enough to bring good fruit out of my life?</p> <div data-bbox="789 735 1524 978" style="border: 1px solid black; height: 116px;"></div>

What would I like to say to Jesus?

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<p>John 15:5</p>	<p>Jesus is the source of all that is good and meaningful for salvation. If we want our lives to count for good, our actions need to be centered in Jesus.</p>	<p>Am I remaining in Jesus?</p> <p>What fruit am I bearing for Jesus?</p>
<p>John 15:6</p>	<p>Jesus is the source of a well-nourished life. It is only in Jesus that I can live a meaningful, fulfilled, and happy life that impacts those around me in a positive way.</p>	<p>Am I living a meaningful, fulfilled, and happy life that positively impacts others?</p> <p>Why or why not?</p>

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<p>John 15:7</p>	<p>If we are connected to Jesus each day and seeking to obey him out of love for him, our requests will honor Jesus and our Heavenly Father. Jesus will gladly give in response to godly requests!</p>	<p>What am I asking for today?</p>
<p>John 15:8</p>	<p>If we ask for God to be glorified, he will answer that prayer! Bearing fruit for Jesus shows that we are his disciples and brings glory to God.</p>	<p>How do others know that I am Jesus' disciple?</p> <p>How could my life bring glory to God <i>today</i>?</p>

**Day 173**

***Read John 15:5-8***

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<p>John 15:9</p>	<p>The kind of love God the Father has for his Son is without measure, without limit, and without end. No matter what is ahead, Jesus wants us to know that he loves us with God's love and he wants us to stay with him.</p>	<p>How do I feel about being loved with such a love? (Ephesians 3:14-21)</p>
<p>John 15:10</p>	<p>Obedying Jesus results in safely dwelling within his love.</p>	<p>What in my life shows or reveals that I am obeying Jesus right now, today?</p>
<p>John 15:11</p>	<p>The way to be happy in life is to obey Jesus.</p>	<p>Can I think of a time when faithful obedience brought joy in my life?</p>

**Day 174**      **Read John 15:9-11**

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<p>John 15:12</p>	<p>If we want joy and we want to remain in Jesus and the Father's love, we need to love other believers in Christ. Loving other Christians with the same kind of love Jesus loves us with is not an option, but a command.</p>	<p>How do my thoughts and actions reflect God's love for others?</p>
<p>John 15:13</p>	<p>The greatest kind of love is the kind of love Jesus exemplified by giving his life for us.</p>	<p>Why does giving one's life reflect the greatest kind of love there is?</p>
<p>John 15:14</p>	<p>In verse 12, Jesus commanded us to love one another. We need to have the same love Jesus has if we want Jesus to consider us a friend.</p>	<p>Why does Jesus require such love in our hearts, for us to be considered his friend?</p>

**Day 175**      **Read John 15:12-14**

What is Jesus saying to me?

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<p>John 15:15</p>	<p>If we know Jesus, we know his business is to serve and save people. God sent Jesus to serve and save. If we are doing his business, we are his friends.</p>	<p>As Jesus' friend, how am I involved in his business of serving and saving?</p>
<p>John 15:16</p>	<p>Even though we have decided to follow Jesus, it is because he called us to himself. As his followers, he calls us to bring others to him as well. God will do anything we ask to bring others to faith in Christ and a loving, obedient relationship with him.</p>	<p>Why did Jesus call me to himself, serve me, and save me?</p>

**Day 176**

**Read John 15:15-17**

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John 15:17 <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 180px; width: 100%;"></div>	It is important to God that we learn to love others as he loves us. It is not an option.	How is my love for others revealed in my life and choices today? (Review John 13:1-17) <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 180px; width: 100%;"></div>

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<p>John 15:18</p>	<p>Those who reject Jesus are likely to reject those who follow him and represent him.</p>	<p>In what ways does my current life accurately represent Jesus?</p>
<p>John 15:19</p>	<p>Followers of Jesus are likely to have different goals and priorities than ungodly people.</p>	<p>Are my goals and priorities different than those of the ungodly people in my society?</p>

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<p>John 15:20</p>	<p>Rejection of Jesus resulted in his death on the cross. Those who follow Jesus should not expect to always be honored. If our lives represent the teachings of Jesus, then the reaction to our lives will mirror a reaction to Jesus.</p>	<p>Do I expect to always be honored for following Jesus?</p>
<p>John 15:21</p>	<p>Those who reject the name of Jesus and persecute his followers do so because they do not know God.</p>	<p>Am I suffering rejection? Of what kind?</p> <p>Is it because of my stand for Jesus and my godly lifestyle or for some other reason?</p> <p>What do I think God would ask me to do about it?</p>



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<p>John 15:22</p>	<p>Jesus told his followers that his coming meant there was no longer any excuse for sin.                      Jesus clarified right and wrong by clarifying God's high standards as reflected in his commandments and our inability to keep them perfectly. (Matthew 5: 17-48)</p>	<p>How is Jesus clarifying right and wrong in my life today?</p> <p>Am I listening?</p>
<p>John 15:23</p>	<p>Jesus' teachings revealed what the Father thinks about sin. Those who wish to continue in their sin will hate to have it exposed as sin, as what makes them unacceptable to God.</p>	<p>How deep is my conviction that God hates sin but loves people and wants to rescue them from their sin?</p>
<p>John 15:24</p>	<p>To reject the miracles that Jesus did is to reject God.</p>	<p>How do Jesus' miracles reveal the Father?</p>


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<p>John 15:25</p> <div data-bbox="100 281 428 934" style="border: 1px solid black; height: 311px;"></div>	<p>It is unreasonable to hate and reject Jesus, because his teachings were just. Nevertheless, he was hated and rejected by some and his followers will also be hated and rejected by some.</p>	<p>In addition to potential persecution, in what ways can my life show I am committed to Jesus' teachings today and on a continuing daily basis? (Matthew 5:1-16)</p> <div data-bbox="789 344 1524 934" style="border: 1px solid black; height: 281px;"></div>

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<p>John 15:26</p>	<p>Jesus told his followers about the Holy Spirit. Jesus sent the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, when he went to heaven. The Counselor is from God the Father. The Counselor is God's truth. God verifies through his Holy Spirit the truth in our lives that Jesus is his Son and our means of salvation.</p>	<p>What difference can having God's Holy Spirit of truth make in my life today?</p>
<p>John 15:27</p>	<p>Those who know Jesus are required to speak the truth about him to the world.</p>	<p>How can I speak the truth about Jesus to the world today?</p>
<p>John 16:1</p>	<p>Jesus doesn't want us to be thrown off, discouraged, despairing, or falling into sin or unbelief when the world does not believe or respect Jesus or his followers.</p>	<p>What does God want my reaction to be today to those who reject Jesus or my message about Jesus? (Review Matthew 5:44-48)</p>

**Day 179**      **Read John 15:26-16:1**

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