

# Daily

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Christianity is a daily pledge that we make to follow Christ. Like so many things, we have to concentrate on one day at a time. Decisions are made daily that will either help strengthen us in God's service or hinder us. Consider what the Bible says about daily living:

**1) Daily Blessings.** We often take for granted the blessings that we receive every day from the hand of God. Yet it is He "*who daily loads us with benefits*" (Psalm 68:19). With all that He has done for us let us have the attitude and actions of David. "*Every day I will bless Thee, and I will praise Thy name forever and ever*" (Psalm 145:2). Solomon also wrote, "*...daily He shall be praised*" (Psalm 72:15).

**2) Daily Commitment:** Just as we are renewed in the morning after a good nights rest, so should our commitment to serve the Lord be renewed daily. Isaiah recorded, "*...they seek Me daily, and delight to know My ways...*" (Isaiah 58:2). Jesus said, "*If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me*" (Luke 9:23). Each day has enough trouble of its own (Matthew 6:34) so let's commit to serving him daily.

**3) Daily Teaching:** Jesus taught daily in the temple (Luke 19:47). The first century Christians were also involved in teaching on a daily basis. Acts 5:42, "*And daily in the temple, and in every house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.*" This serves as an excellent example for us. Are we looking for daily opportunities to teach and preach Jesus?

**4) Daily Study:** Can it be said of us that we open up God's Word daily to learn how we can better serve Him? The Bereans were complemented in Acts 17:11 because they searched the scriptures daily. Are we as eager as the Bereans for a better knowledge of the truth?

**5) Daily Encouragement:** There is nothing like being encouraged in our efforts to live the Christian life. We live in a society today that is so fast paced. It is difficult to encourage one another on a regular basis. Yet the writer of Hebrews tells us that daily encouragement will help keep us from falling away. He said, "*But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called 'Today,' lest any one of you be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin*" (Hebrews 3:13). Let us continually "*consider one another in order to stir up love and good works*" (Hebrews 10:24).

**6) Daily Church Growth:** It is humbling when we read about how rapidly the church grew in the first century. When the church was established in Acts 2, 3,000 people were baptized into Christ. Acts 2:47 tells us that "*the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.*" As the church continued to multiply, the inspired record says "*the churches were strengthened in the faith, and increased in number daily*" (Acts 16:5). Are you doing your part to increase the borders of the kingdom?

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