



365 days of devotion to Christ

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**...I am with you always, even
unto the end of the world...**

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Day 17 of 365



Week 3 – Each day is getting better!

We are referred to as the “bride of Christ” throughout the New Testament and that reference gives us many truths we must understand, embrace, and seek each day in our lives with the Lord. As any relationship we must seek to know the Lord more, we must set aside special time for Him, we have a desperate desire to know Him, to feel Him, and to understand His desires for our life. As the bride we are also called to be servants of Christ but not just servants by command but led by His very example, as we are reminded: the greatest among us will be the least among us, those with hearts to serve, humble, and understanding just what we have here: liberty, eternal, paid for by the blood of Jesus and given out of the great love of the Father.

Day 17 – Please

If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him? (Matthew Chapter 7 verse 11 KJV)

When we are children we are told to ask “please” and to always say “thank you” and as we grow up those manners stick with us for life. Its amazing that people forget that God is the source of all that is good and wonderful, I see it as alarming how many people have received countless blessings and have never once said “thank you” to the Almighty, the source of all good blessings and love. Jesus reminds us that if we “ask we shall receive” and beautifully reminds us of our Father's love in that if we ask Him He will give us good things... even more amazing is the fact that God pours out His blessings and gifts to us even sometimes when we don't ask! Are we giving praise and honor to the source of all goodness and blessing in our life? I am thankful God's thoughts are not our thoughts but we must never forget He is truly worthy of all honor, praise, and glory and when we don't give it to Him we are truly doing a horrible thing.

Think of it this way, have you ever had your children ask you for something over and over and over again and finally when you give it to them the response is almost as to say “I don't even want that anymore”... we pray and pray and pray and when the prayer is met I wonder, do we forget the source of the answer? Do we look at God and say “a little to late, thanks anyway” or do we fall to our knees and cry out “praises to you King for your mercy

and grace!" As you enter day 17 of the 365 day devotion I wonder, how are you manners with the King? Also if you find yourself in the valley cling to the truth that He is with you, remember how He has always brought you through, and work to praise Him even in the storm!

Today's prayer:

Today pray the Father would forgive you for any moment of ungratefulness. Pray He would give you an eye to see the wonderful things He has done in your life. Pray He would open your heart to the truth of the many blessings and the truth that no matter how hard your life may seem that it could always get harder. Pray He would guide and direct your every step and give you strength to walk in faith and obedience even in the valley.