



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 19 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 19 – It doesn't always come easy!

Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses. (1 Timothy Chapter 6 verse 12 KJV)

Nothing in life is free and good things only come to those who work for them, have you ever heard that? I am here today to tell you that is only half true, the truth is this: grace and salvation are free through a personal relationship with Christ! Good things are poured out on those who trust for them and our works could never justify us before the Lord, only the blood of Jesus can give us the forgiveness for sins that is required. What then is the Apostle Paul saying when he says “fight the good fight”? He is speaking of the truth: life is hard, the battle against the powers of darkness is not always easy, victory does not come cheap, Christ does not demand anything of us to come to Him but when we accept Him we must surrender all to Him! This fight is a fight of eternal consequence and when we grow tired and weary we must never compromise or surrender! We must fight the good fight!

Most of us spend half our lives working 40+ hours a week to provide for our families, we work tirelessly to provide them homes, food, clothes, and all the desperate needs of life. We sacrifice and put our families first and spend time doing things we don't always like, eating food we don't always want, saying things that don't always come easy, all in the desire to love our families and serve them... as you enter day 19 of the 365 day devotion I'm curious, does our God not deserve even more? The God who sacrifice His only begotten Son

Jesus so that we could have freedom found only in a personal relationship with Christ, does that God not deserve everything? "I'm too tired to go to church"... He wasn't too tired to carry the cross! "I don't have the money to pay tithes"... and yet you have money to waste on the creature comforts of life? As the Lord who gave everything for us we must fight the good fight, we must struggle against darkness, we must never surrender to the world for we can only surrender to the mercy and grace of Christ!

Today's prayer:

Today pray the Lord would strengthen you, that He would refresh you, and that He would give you wisdom to fight the good fight. Pray the Lord would open your eyes to the enemies snare, and that He would continue to give you victory through the Lord Jesus. Pray He would give you peace in the storm and that He would give you faith to lay everything at His feet and trust in Him for all your needs.