

MORE MEANINGFUL DAILY DEVOTIONS

Follow the guide below.

A-C-T-S-S

A Daily Devotional Guide
For Disciples and Disciple-makers

Scripture for Today: _____

NOTE: As you read and meditate on your daily scripture, answer the following questions. Then use your answers as fuel for your prayers.

• **ADORATION:**

What attribute or quality of God (The Father, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit) stands out from this passage?

• **CONFESSION:**

As I look into the mirror of God's Word, do I see a sin in my life that I need to confess and forsake? A command to obey? A relationship I need to fix? A person or situation I need to help? Good example to follow? Bad example to avoid?

• **THANKSGIVING:**

What work or blessing of God (in creation, in past or present world events, in my life or in the life of others) does this Scripture remind me to be thankful for?

• **SUPPLICATION:**

What needs or situations (in my life, in someone else's, in the world around me) does this Scripture motivate me to pray for? From this Scripture, what promise may I claim for these needs/situations?

• **SCRIPTURE:** *For meditation & memory.*

(NOTE: Please see SAMPLES of filled-out A-C-T-S-S form.)

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SAMPLE #1

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Scripture for Today: Matthew 1

• **ADORATION:**

What attribute or quality of God (The Father, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit) stands out from this passage?

- 1) God fulfills His plan to send the Redeemer: Christ: Seed of the woman, Gen 3:15; Gal 4:4; Son of Abraham, Gen 22:18; Gal 3:16-18; Son of David, 2 Sam 7.

• **CONFESSION:**

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- 1) God used all kinds of people to make the chain of genealogy of the Messiah, everyone sinners saved by grace, native born and foreigners who put their faith in Israel's God.
- 2) God chooses, equips, and uses whomever He wills.
- 3) Joseph, the adoptive human father of Jesus, a good example of a man of faith and obedience.

• **THANKSGIVING:**

What work or blessing of God (in creation, in past or present world events, in my life or in the life of others) does this Scripture remind me to be thankful for?

- 1) For God giving Jesus as Savior from sin
- 2) For Jesus, Immanuel, as God-with-us.
- 3) The assurance of guidance, whether by dreams, angels in the case of the wise men and Joseph; for us today, through the Bible as applied by the Holy Spirit, as well as by godly counsel from spiritual leaders and mature Christians.

• **SUPPLICATION:**

What needs or situations (in my life, in someone else's, in the world around me) does this Scripture motivate me to pray for? From this Scripture, what promise may I claim for these needs/situations?

- 1) That I will be a faithful link in the spiritual genealogy of other believers.
- 2) That God will open opportunities for sharing with more people Jesus the Savior and Jesus the Immanuel.

- **SCRIPTURE:** *For meditation & memory.*

Matthew 1:23 (NKJV): “Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which is translated, “God with us.”

I MUST ALWAYS LIVE IN GOD’S PRESENCE – CORAM DEO.

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SAMPLE #2

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Scripture for Today: Matthew 2

- **ADORATION:**

What attribute or quality of God (The Father, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit) stands out from this passage?

- 1) God the author of salvation, the giver of the Savior
- 2) The God of revelation: in prophecy, in nature (heavenly bodies), through common grace of human knowledge and investigations (astronomy, astrology) as guided by God’s Spirit.
- 3) God the giver of guidance (in Bible times through dreams, visions, angels); today through the Bible as applied by the Holy Spirit (2 Timothy 3:16, 17; 1 Corinthians 2:12, 13)
- 4) God of providence: Provider (gifts of gold, frankincense, myrrh provided Joseph, Mary and Jesus’ travel); Protector (timely guidance for safety of His children).

- **CONFESSION:**

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- 1) Herod, a bad example of pride, selfishness, rejection of prophecy, rejection of the Messiah, active opposition to God’s messianic rule.
- 2) Good examples of faith and obedience: the wise men, they followed their natural God-given light; Joseph: followed divinely given guidance.

- **THANKSGIVING:**

What work or blessing of God (in creation, in past or present world events, in my life or in the life of others) does this Scripture remind me to be thankful for?

Thank God for the assurance of

- 1) His guidance
- 2) His provision
- 3) His protection

- **SUPPLICATION:**

What needs or situations (in my life, in someone else's, in the world around me) does this Scripture motivate me to pray for? From this Scripture, what promise may I claim for these needs/situations?

- 1) To be more sensitive to His guidance
- 2) To be consistent in trusting God’s protection and provision

- **SCRIPTURE:** *For meditation & memory.*

Matthew 2:11 (NKJV): And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

WHAT GIFTS CAN I BRING TO JESUS?

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SAMPLE #3

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- **ADORATION:**

What attribute or quality of God (The Father, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit) stands out from this passage?

- 1) Trinity at the baptism of Jesus: The Father speaking from heaven; the Holy Spirit descending from heaven down to earth; Jesus receiving the anoint of the Holy Spirit.
- 2) The God of prophecy: Inspired Isaiah to prophesy of the coming “voice”; fulfilled the prophecy in John the Baptist as that prophetic “voice”.
- 3) Christ the “Anointed One” (Heb. Messiah; Grk. Christ); Baptizer with the Spirit and fire.

- **CONFESSION:**

As I look into the mirror of God’s Word, do I see a sin in my life that I need to confess and forsake? A command to obey? A relationship I need to fix? A person or situation I need to help? Good example to follow? Bad example to avoid?

- 1) Baptism – sign of repentance and change of life
- 2) Believers must maintain the spirit of repentance (a broken and a contrite spirit, Isaiah 66:2; Psalm 51:16, 17)

- **THANKSGIVING:**

What work or blessing of God (in creation, in past or present world events, in my life or in the life of others) does this Scripture remind me to be thankful for?

- 1) Thank God for His faithfulness to His Word, fulfilling prophecies and promises.
- 2) Thank God for His prophets in the OT & NT; for pastors and Bible teachers today.

- **SUPPLICATION:**

What needs or situations (in my life, in someone else’s, in the world around me) does this Scripture motivate me to pray for? From this Scripture, what promise may I claim for these needs/situations?

- 1) Pray for more people to come to repentance.
- 2) Pray for converts to be baptized with the Holy Spirit (genuine born again) and fire (cleansing, changed lives)

- **SCRIPTURE:** *For meditation & memory.*

Matthew 3:11 (NKJV): I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

WE MUST FAITHFULLY PREACH THE GOSPEL OF REPENTANCE, SINCERE FAITH IN JESUS AS SAVIOR AND LORD, WHICH RESULTS IN CHANGED LIVES.

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