

Daily Walk With God

Week 37

Week 37 Day 1

Readings: Luke 21:1-19; 1 Timothy 4:11-16; Psalm 65; Proverbs 15:29-33; Jeremiah 41-43.

Focus Verse: "Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all." (1 Timothy 4:15)

Key Concept: Pointed Advice to a Young Man (1 Timothy 4:11-16). Paul offers very specific advice to Timothy. Notice the highlights:

Teach others what you've learned (v. 11).

Teach by your good example (v. 12).

Be faithful to the Truth (vv. 13,16).

Use the abilities God has given you (v. 14).

Meditate on God's word (v. 15).

Devote yourself to continuing to grow (v. 15).

Young and old will profit by applying Paul's advice to their service.

Action: "Be an example to the believers. . . ."

Week 37 Day 2

Readings: Luke 21:20-28; 1 Timothy 5:1-16; Psalm 66; Proverbs 16:1-9; Jeremiah 44-46.

Focus Verse: "Everyone who is proud in heart is an abomination to the Lord; though they join forces, none will go unpunished." (Proverbs 16:5)

Key Concept: Pride is Evil (Proverbs 16:5). "Abomination" is a strong word. It is typically used in the Bible to speak of grievous sins which reflect fundamental flaws of character. Pride is viewed with such Divine disdain, and for good reason. When we think too highly of ourselves, we tend to belittle: (1) other people, (2) our own sin, and (3) the value of God's mercy and sacrifice. Pride is dangerously evil.

Action: To remove pride, think of the awesome greatness of God.

Week 37 Day 3

Readings: Luke 21:29-38; 1 Timothy 5:17-25; Psalm 67; Proverbs 16:10-15; Jeremiah 47-48.

Focus Verse: "God be merciful to us and bless us, And cause His face to shine upon us. Selah." (Psalm 67:1)

Key Concept: "Doing Nothing with Partiality" (1 Timothy 5:21). Sandwiched between instructions about rebuking sin and not endorsing error is this important caution: ". . . observe these things without prejudice, doing nothing with partiality." God's people must be concerned, above all, with the relationship of people with God. We must not show partiality on the basis of family relationship, race, educational attainment, socioeconomic level, or any other human distinction.

Action: Examine yourself. Do you live without prejudice?

Week 37 Day 4

Readings: Luke 22:1-13; 1 Timothy 6:1-10; Psalm 68:1-18; Proverbs 16:16-21; Jeremiah 49-50.

Focus Verse: "And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content." (1 Timothy 6:8)

Key Concept: Content with Food and Clothing (1 Timothy 6:8). Is it possible? Our society seems to be built on dreams of luxury and leisure. We have almost totally adopted a philosophy which requires us to keep getting more and bigger and better things. Since "everyone else" has the same materialistic lust, we can soothe the conscience into believing that Paul's warnings about desiring riches apply to others. He is talking to us!

Action: Use your time and energy today to pursue true riches.

Week 37 Day 5

Readings: Luke 22:14-23; 1 Timothy 6:11-21; Psalm 68:19-35; Proverbs 16:22-26; Jeremiah 51-52.

Focus Verse: "But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness." (1 Timothy 6:11)

Key Concept: Flee and Pursue (1 Timothy 6:11-12). God doesn't leave us empty. He tells us to discard evil with all its lusts, but He then tells us to fill our lives with good. Notice that Paul uses a strong verb--pursue--to describe our acquisition of good qualities. We are to work diligently to develop godly character.

Action: "Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life. . . ." (1 Timothy 6:12)

Week 37 Day 6

Readings: Luke 22:24-34; 2 Timothy 1:1-7; Psalm 69:1-18; Proverbs 16:27-33; Lamentations 1-2.

Focus Verse: "He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city." (Proverbs 16:32)

Key Concept: The Power of Self-Control (Proverbs 16:32). We often think of the powerful as rulers over others. God says the most powerful are those who rule themselves. The "heroes" of movies and TV suggest that power comes in violent outbursts of physical force. God says that the truly mighty are slow to anger. It takes a real man to rule over self!

Action: Focus your energies on self-control in every situation.

Week 37 Day 7

Readings: Luke 22:35-46; 2 Timothy 1:8-18; Psalm 69:19-36; Proverbs 17:1-5; Lamentations 3.

Focus Verse: "The refining pot is for silver and the furnace for gold, but the Lord tests the hearts." (Proverbs 17:3)

Key Concept: While the Disciples Slept (Luke 22:39-46). As Jesus agonized over His imminent self-sacrifice, His disciples slept. Jesus was disappointed (cf. Matthew 26:36-46), but He still prayed. Their neglect would not excuse Him from duty toward God. Even when all men failed Him, His Father still cared and sent comfort. We may sometimes be disappointed when others do not provide encouragement, but their failures are not a reason to turn away from God.

Action: comfort in God, even when friends fail you.