

REV DAILY DEVOTIONAL

This is Living: How Others Keep us from Living (1 John 2:3-11)

Begin your time in prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to lead you in truth and teach you through God's Word. As you complete each devotional, ask God that you would not be just a hearer of the Word but a doer also. (James 1:22) Be in continual prayer for those around you who do not yet love Jesus.

Monday

Read 1 John 2:3-11 - 10 in ESV and NIV

1. What do we learn about God?
 - Look for God's *character* (who he is, what he is like).
 - Look for God's *conduct* (what he is doing).
 - Look for God's *concerns* (what things, events, people, he is concerned about).
2. What do we learn about people?
 - Look for aspects of what it means to be *created in God's image*.
 - Look for the *fallen condition*.
 - Look for *how God's people should live*.
3. What do we learn about relating to God?
 - Look for things to *praise and thank God for*.
 - Look for sin to *confess and repent*.
 - Look for *promises and truths to believe*.
4. What do we learn about relating to others?
 - Look for how we should *interact with and treat others*.
 - Look for ways to *pursue reconciliation with others*.
 - Look for specific ways to *love, serve, and care for others*.

Tuesday

Read 1 John 2:3-11 in ESV and NIV

"True followers of Jesus will have assurance in their salvation because they know, love, and obey Him." - Daniel L. Akin

1. Is it possible to know God and have no true life change? Why or why not?
2. Is knowing God and Loving God, two separate ideas or should they be inseparable?
3. *Use these four questions to help bring application to today's passage.*
 - A. What does God want me to *think/understand*?
 - B. What does God want me to *believe*?
 - C. What does God want me to *desire*?
 - D. What does God want me to *do*?

Wednesday

Read 1 John 2:3-11 in ESV and NIV

"Only he who believes is obedient; only he who is obedient believes." -Dietrich Bonhoeffer

1. What is the connection between your love for Jesus and your obedience to Him?
2. (Read John 14:15)
3. As you consistently obey God, carefully deepening the depth of his word in your heart, our love for God grows. Can you relate to this statement? If not, what is keeping from growing in your love for God?

4. What is the difference as a follower of Jesus between assurance and obedience? What assurances come from a life spent in obedience to Jesus?
5. (Read Hebrews 10:22, 11:1; 1 Peter 1:14, Psalm 119:30, John 13:17)
6. Is God a loving God if he commands obedience from us?
7. Is John saying in verse 6 that we need to *walk* perfectly like Jesus? Or is he referring to us as followers?

Thursday

Read 1 John 2:3-11 in ESV and NIV

"The world of light and love always go together." -Daniel L. Akin

1. How is the way we love one another, evidence to our obedience and love for God? Is it possible to rightly love others without a true love for God?
2. Verses 9-11 say that God's love exposes the darkness in us. Reading these verses, what is the ultimate test of knowing if you're abiding in God's love? As you examine your own heart, are these things true about you?
3. What are some other examples of love you find in the scriptures? How is Jesus the ultimate example of love?
4. How can you live out love in such a way that reveals your love for God and knowledge of Him?
5. Read John 13:34; Philippians 2:3-4; 1 Peter 4:8-9

Friday

Read 1 John 2:3-11 in ESV and NIV and review your answers from this week's questions.

"The benefit of reading must come to the soul by the way of the understanding. . . . The mind must have illumination before the affections can properly rise towards their divine object. . . . There must be knowledge of God before there can be love to God: there must be a knowledge of divine things, as they are revealed, before there can be an enjoyment of them." - John Piper

1. What truths impacted you the most within this week's passage?
2. What aspect of God's character has this passage shown you more clearly?
3. What one step will you take in light of these truths?

Saturday

Read 1 John 2:12-17 ESV

Catch up on any days you may have missed throughout the week.

"Prayer is both conversation and encounter with God. . . . We must know the awe of praising his glory, the intimacy of finding his grace, and the struggle of asking his help, all of which can lead us to know the spiritual reality of his presence." - Tim Keller

Pray for service tomorrow that God would rescue us all from the delusions that we can make it on our own. Pray that our hearts would be flooded by the overwhelming power of God's presence. Pray that God would speak through the preaching of his word, setting the captives free and strengthening our faith. Pray that God would open someone's eyes while the gospel is being preached and for the very first time would come from death to life in Jesus.

