

# 5 Day Devotional

## Day 1: Complete Commitment

### Devotional

What does it mean to be fully committed to Christ? In our walk with Jesus, we often find ourselves holding back certain areas of our lives. Maybe it's our career ambitions, our relationships, or our personal dreams. We say, "God, you can have everything except this one thing."

But Jesus calls us to a different standard. He invites us to follow His example of complete commitment—a commitment that led Him to the cross. When we look at Christ's sacrifice, we see no half-measures, no areas held back, no partial surrender. He gave everything.

As Christians living as exiles in this world, we're called to be stewards of all God has entrusted to us. A steward recognizes that nothing truly belongs to them—everything is on loan from the true owner. This perspective transforms how we view our time, talents, resources, and relationships. They're not ours to hoard but God's to direct.

Today, consider what you might be holding back from God. What area of your life feels off-limits to His lordship? Remember that true freedom comes not from keeping parts of our lives for ourselves, but from surrendering everything to the One who loves us perfectly.

### Bible Verse

"Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.'" - Matthew 16:24

### Reflection Question

What is one area of your life that you find most difficult to surrender completely to God, and what might be holding you back from full commitment in that area?

### Quote

The attitude of Christ was one of total commitment that led to the cross.

### Prayer

Lord Jesus, forgive me for the areas I've held back from You. Help me to follow Your example of complete commitment, denying myself and taking up my cross daily. Show me what I'm still clinging to, and give me the courage to open my hands and surrender it to You. Thank You that in giving everything to You, I find true freedom and purpose. Amen.

## Day 2: Clear-Minded Living

### Devotional

In a world filled with distractions and influences competing for our attention, maintaining clear judgment can be challenging. Social media, entertainment, relationships, and even our own desires can cloud our thinking and pull us away from God's best for us.

Peter calls believers to be "sober-minded"—not allowing ourselves to be captivated by influences that lead us away from sound judgment. This isn't just about avoiding intoxication; it's about maintaining spiritual clarity in all areas of life.

As stewards of what God has given us, we need clear minds to make wise decisions. When our judgment is clouded, our stewardship suffers. We might misuse our time, waste our resources, or neglect our spiritual gifts.

Sober-mindedness requires honest self-examination. What influences in your life might be affecting your

**Bible Verse**

"Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same way of thinking. For whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin." - 1 Peter 4:1

**Reflection Question**

What dependency or influence in your life might be clouding your spiritual judgment, and what practical step could you take today to regain clarity in that area?

**Quote**

Sober minded means that we do not allow ourselves to be captivated by the influence that would lead us away from sound judgment, something that would lead us away from sound judgment.

**Prayer**

Heavenly Father, I want to think clearly and live wisely as Your steward. Show me the influences and dependencies that cloud my judgment and pull me away from Your best. Give me courage to create boundaries where needed and wisdom to prioritize what truly matters. Help me arm myself with Christ's way of thinking in all things. Amen.

**Day 3: Living with Eternity in View****Devotional**

How would your daily choices change if you constantly remembered that one day you'll stand before God and give an account for how you've lived? This awareness transforms even the smallest decisions into matters of eternal significance.

As stewards of God's gifts, we're responsible for how we use what He's entrusted to us. Our time, talents, resources, and relationships aren't just for our enjoyment—they're opportunities to honor God and serve others. And one day, we'll hear either "Well done, good and faithful servant" or face the sobering reality that we squandered what was given to us.

This isn't meant to create anxiety but to inspire intentional living. When we recognize that our choices matter eternally, we approach life differently. We ask different questions: "Am I maximizing the gifts God has given me?" rather than "Am I getting everything I want?"

Living with eternity in view doesn't mean we can't enjoy life's pleasures. Rather, it means we enjoy them as gifts from God while using them for His purposes. It means we make decisions based not just on immediate gratification but on lasting impact.

Today, consider one area where you could better steward what God has given you, knowing you'll one day give an account for it.

**Bible Verse**

"They will give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead." - 1 Peter 4:5

**Reflection Question**

If you were to stand before God today and give an account for how you've stewarded your gifts and opportunities, what would you be most proud of and what might you regret?

**Quote**

When we see Jesus face to face, when we long to hear those words, well done, good and faithful servant, did you actually live out and use the gifts that I gave you? Well, did you maximize those to the best of your ability?

## **Prayer**

Lord, help me to live today with eternity in view. Let the awareness that I will one day stand before You shape my choices and priorities. Show me how to better steward the gifts, relationships, and opportunities You've given me. I want to hear "well done" when I see You face to face. Guide me to invest my life in what truly matters. Amen.

## **Day 4: The Power of Loving Community**

### **Devotional**

In a world that often prioritizes independence and self-sufficiency, God calls us to something countercultural: genuine community characterized by earnest love and gracious hospitality. This isn't just a nice addition to our faith—it's essential to our stewardship of relationships.

Love in Christian community has remarkable power. When love abounds among believers, offenses that might otherwise cause division are readily overlooked. Misunderstandings that could fester into resentment are quickly resolved. The enemy, who delights in conflict among God's people, is defeated by the simple practice of loving earnestly.

Hospitality extends this love in practical ways. Opening our homes, sharing meals, creating space for others—these simple acts build bridges and foster the kind of community where God's love is tangibly experienced. Yet how often do we grumble about the inconvenience or cost of hospitality rather than seeing it as a privilege?

The environment we experience in our relationships largely reflects what we contribute to them. If we're quick to forgive and extend grace, we'll likely find ourselves in grace-filled communities. If we're judgmental or sarcastic, we'll likely experience the same in return.

Today, consider how you might practice earnest love and ungrudging hospitality in your relationships, creating the kind of community that reflects God's heart.

### **Bible Verse**

"Show hospitality to one another without grumbling." - 1 Peter 4:9

### **Reflection Question**

How might your relationships change if you intentionally practiced more earnest love and ungrudging hospitality, and what is one specific way you could do this in the coming week?

### **Quote**

We have lost this sense of hospitality and community because, you see, there was once a time where if you needed a cup of sugar or a stick of butter, you would ask your neighbor for it. Now we just doordash it.

### **Prayer**

Father, thank You for the gift of community. Forgive me for the times I've been quick to judge and slow to extend grace. Help me to love others earnestly and to practice hospitality without complaint. Show me specific ways I can open my heart and home to others this week. Let my relationships reflect Your generous, forgiving heart. Amen.

## **Day 5: Engaging Head, Heart, and Hands**

### **Devotional**

True discipleship isn't compartmentalized—it engages our whole being. As stewards of all God has given us, we're called to follow Jesus with our head (knowledge), heart (love), and hands (service). When any of these dimensions is missing, our discipleship becomes imbalanced.

With our heads, we grow in knowledge of God through Scripture, prayer, and thoughtful reflection. We

**Bible Verse**

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." - 1 Peter 4:10

**Reflection Question**

Which aspect of discipleship—head (knowledge), heart (love), or hands (service)—tends to be strongest in your walk with Christ, and which might need more intentional development?

**Quote**

To be a true dedicated follower of Jesus involves following him with our whole being. And it can be summed up into these three. Our head, heart and hands all have to be engaged with following Jesus.

**Prayer**

Lord Jesus, I want to follow You with my whole being—head, heart, and hands. Show me where my discipleship has become imbalanced. Help me to grow in knowledge where I'm lacking understanding, in love where I've become cold, and in service where I've been inactive. Thank You for the unique gifts You've given me. Help me to steward them well for Your glory and others' good. Amen.