



Foreword

Youth Alive has encouraged you to make a commitment to pray, live, tell, serve, and give. We believe that you are convinced that your school and peers need you to live a life committed to sharing Christ by praying, living, telling, serving, and giving. That's why we've created fifteen weeks of devotions focused on growing in the five commitments of a campus missionary. Monday through Friday you will daily read a passage of Scripture concerning pray, live, tell, serve, or give. After reading the passage you will be asked a couple of questions that will help you discover the practical truth in each passage. Space is provided for you to journal any thoughts or insights you might have. Feel free to print these and set aside time daily for reading Scripture, studying it, praying, and journaling. Along with these devotions you'll find a companion resource to use as a small group discussion guide. These discussions are a good follow-up for what you've studied and learned that week during your personal devotions.



Week 1—Keys to Consistency

Monday

Read Matthew 21:12,13.

What did Jesus say His house was to be called?

What could we do before we come to church to be ready to pray when we get there?

Your thoughts:

Tuesday

Read Matthew 6:6.

What did Jesus tell us to do when we pray?

Why is it important to close the door?

Your thoughts:

Wednesday

Read Matthew 14:23.

What were a couple of things Jesus did when He went to pray?

Is there a time and place where you can be alone with God every day?

Your thoughts:

Thursday

Read Psalm 5:1-3.

When did the psalmist David say he prayed to God?

Why would the morning time be a good time or bad time for you to pray?

Your thoughts:

Friday

Read Acts 3:1-8.

What amazing thing happened when Peter and John were going to their regular time of prayer?

Your thoughts:



Week 2—What to Say!

Monday

Read Philippians 4:6,7.

What must we do about things in our life that cause us to worry?

What will God give us when we pray about these things?

Your thoughts:

Tuesday

Read Matthew 6:7,8.

What can we be sure of when we pray?

Because God already knows what we need, what don't we have to do that the pagans do?

Your thoughts:

Wednesday

Read Romans 8:26.

Who helps us pray when we don't know how we ought to pray?

How does the Holy Spirit help us?

Your thoughts:

Thursday

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18.

What should we do continually to fulfill God's will for our lives?

What does it mean to pray continually?

Your thoughts:

Friday

Read 1 Timothy 2:1,2.

What did Paul, the author of 1 Timothy, say to do?

Who are we told to pray for?

Your thoughts:



Week 3—Your Most Important Prayer

Monday

Read 2 Chronicles 7:14.

This is a prayer for revival and healing for a nation that's without God. What steps can you take to be sure that God will hear your prayer to bring revival?

Your thoughts:

Tuesday

Read 1 Timothy 2:1-4.

What can we pray that we can be sure God wants?

Why does God want us to pray for those who are living without God?

Your thoughts:

Wednesday

Read Matthew 6:9,10.

What does Jesus tell us to pray that will bring change on earth?

What will happen if we pray for God's kingdom to come?

Your thoughts:

Thursday

Read Matthew 9:37,38.

What does Jesus mean by saying that the "harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few"?

What can we pray so that we will reap a harvest of souls?

Your thoughts:

Friday

Read Colossians 4:3,4.

What should we pray that God would do so that the gospel might be preached to lost people?

How can you pray for yourself to be an effective witness for Christ? (See verse 4.)

Your thoughts:



Week 4—A Look in the Mirror

Monday

Read Genesis 1:26.

In whose image are humans made?

Do you think most people in the world are a good reflection of God? Why or why not?

Your thoughts:

Tuesday

Read James 1:22,23.

What happens when we only listen to the Word and do not obey what it says?

Your thoughts:

Wednesday

Read Romans 8:12-14.

What will happen if we live for the sinful nature?

How can we demonstrate that we are God's children?

Your thoughts:

Thursday

Read Galatians 2:20.

Who does Paul, the author of Galatians, say lives in him?

The life that God has called us to live is a life of what?

Your thoughts:

Friday

Read Proverbs 7:1-3.

What does God promise if we keep His commands?

Why is it important to keep God's commands in front of you at all times?

Your thoughts:



Week 5—Living Like No One Else!

Monday

Read 2 Corinthians 6:15,16.

According to Scripture, what are Christians?

What does God promise to do with His people?

Your thoughts:

Tuesday

Read 2 Corinthians 6:16-18.

What must we do in order for the Lord to receive us?

If we live pure, what will God be to us and what will we be to Him?

Your thoughts:

Wednesday

Read 2 Corinthians 7:1.

What must we purify ourselves of if we're going to be considered children of God?

Living a holy lifestyle comes out of _____ for God.

Your thoughts:

Thursday

Read 2 Timothy 3:12.

What will happen to those who want to live a godly life for Christ?

Why do you think Christians are persecuted for living a godly life?

Your thoughts:

Friday

Read 1 Peter 1:13-17.

What must we not conform to any longer if we want to live obediently to Christ?

How does this passage say we should live here on earth?

Your thoughts:



Week 6—Loving God, Loving People

Monday

Read 1 John 2:15-17.

What are we not supposed to love?

If we do love the world and the things in the world, what love will we lack?

Your thoughts:

Tuesday

Read 1 John 4:16.

What does this passage say God is?

How do we know we're living in God and God is living in us?

Your thoughts:

Wednesday

Read Matthew 22:36-39.

What commandment must we obey that Jesus said was the greatest?

What did he say was the second greatest commandment?

Your thoughts:

Thursday

Read 1 Peter 1:22.

How do we know we have purified our lives?

Who must we love, and how must we love them?

Your thoughts:

Friday

Read 1 John 4:11,12.

Why should we love one another?

No one has ever seen God, but how can we see God living in us?

Your thoughts:



Week 7—Preach, Preacher!

Monday

Read Mark 16:15.

Where does Jesus tell us to go in this passage?

What should we do in all the world?

Your thoughts:

Tuesday

Read Romans 10:14,15.

Can people believe in Jesus and trust Him as their Lord and Savior if no one ever tells them about Him?

What must we do in order for them to believe?

Your thoughts:

Wednesday

Read Mark 5:19,20.

What did Jesus tell this man to go do?

What happened when he obeyed Jesus?

Your thoughts:

Thursday

Read Isaiah 61:1,2.

The Spirit of God lives in you as a believer in Christ. Why has the Spirit come upon you?

What has God sent you to proclaim and do as a Spirit-filled Christian?

Your thoughts:

Friday

Read Matthew 10:26-28.

What does Jesus tell us to proclaim publicly?

Why should we not be afraid to share what God tells us to say?

Your thoughts:



Week 8—Unashamed!

Monday

Read Romans 1:16.

Of what did the writer say he was not ashamed?

Why does he say that he's not ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ?

Your thoughts:

Tuesday

Read 1 Peter 2:9.

Who are the people of God?

Whose praises are we called to declare?

Your thoughts:

Wednesday

Read Psalm 119:46.

To whom does the writer say he will not be ashamed to declare God's Word?

With what types of people would you be hesitant or ashamed to share Christ?

Your thoughts:

Thursday

Read 2 Timothy 1:7,8.

Have you ever felt afraid to share Christ with someone?

What are the characteristics of the Spirit that God has given us to overcome our fears of witnessing?

Your thoughts:

Friday

Read 2 Timothy 1:11,12.

Paul writes that he was appointed as a "herald" or "teller" of the gospel. Do you think God has called you to tell about Him as well?

Why was the writer not ashamed even though he was suffering for telling others about Christ?

Your thoughts:



Week 9—Tongue Tied?

Monday

Read 1 Peter 3:15,16.

What does Paul tell us that we must always be prepared to do?

In what way are we to share about the hope that we have in Christ?

Your thoughts:

Tuesday

Read 2 Timothy 4:1-5.

To “be prepared in season and out of season” means whether it’s popular or not. Do you think the message of Jesus Christ is popular or unpopular in your generation? Why or why not?

Your thoughts:

Wednesday

Read Exodus 4:10-12.

What excuse did Moses make when God asked Him to speak for Him?

What did God say He would do in response to Moses’ excuses?

Your thoughts:

Thursday

Read Jeremiah 20:9.

What did Jeremiah say would happen if he failed to mention God or speak for Him?

To what did he compare God’s Word in his heart?

Your thoughts:

Friday

Read Matthew 10:18,19.

Jesus tells us not to worry when we’re put on the spot to testify about Him. What confidence do we have in moments like these?

Your thoughts:



Week 10—You Got Served!

Monday

Read Matthew 20:26-28.

What did Jesus say we must do in order to be considered great in the Kingdom?

What did Jesus say the Son of Man came to do?

Your thoughts:

Tuesday

Read John 13:3-5.

Do you think the disciples expected Jesus to get down on his hands and knees like a servant and wash their feet? Why or why not?

Your thoughts:

Wednesday

Read John 13:6-8.

What did Peter say when Jesus came to serve Him by washing his feet?

What did Jesus say to Peter if he refused to be served?

Your thoughts:

Thursday

Read John 13:14-16.

Do you think Jesus meant that we should literally wash each other's feet?

What are some things we can do today to serve other people as Christ served His disciples that day?

Your thoughts:

Friday

Read John 13:34,35.

What new command did Jesus give us?

How will the world know that we are followers of Christ?

Your thoughts:



Week 11—Serving Man, Serving God!

Monday

Read Matthew 25:34-40.

What did the people do to receive the invitation of the King to enter into heaven?

Who did the King say we actually serve when we serve people in need?

Your thoughts:

Tuesday

Read Matthew 25:41-46.

Who were the people that the King did not allow to enter heaven?

Why is it so easy to overlook those in need?

Your thoughts:

Wednesday

Read Revelation 1:6.

What has God made us to be?

Priests served God by taking care of His house. What are some things that you can do around your local church to serve God?

Your thoughts:

Thursday

Read Galatians 5:13.

What are we called to be, according to Galatians 5:13?

What opportunities do we have because of our freedom?

Your thoughts:

Friday

Read Luke 17:7-10.

This passage teaches us that being a servant of God doesn't come with very many perks or thanks sometimes. Why do you think that is true?

What should your response be when you accomplish something for God?

Your thoughts:



Week 12—Saved to Serve!

Monday

Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-21,27.

To what does Paul compare the members of the Church?

Do all parts in a body function the same way?

Your thoughts:

Tuesday

Read 1 Corinthians 12:21-27.

Have you ever felt like you weren't gifted or called to be used by God?

Why are your unique gifts and callings a valuable part in the body of Christ?

Your thoughts:

Wednesday

Read Matthew 25:14-30.

What did the master in the story give to each servant?

How did the master decide how much to give them? (See verse 14.)

Your thoughts:

Thursday

Read Matthew 25:24,25.

What did the man with one talent do with what his master had given him?

Sometimes we all feel like we don't have much to offer God, but God wants us to invest our gifts and talents in His work. How can you begin to use your gifts and talents for God?

Your thoughts:

Friday

Read Romans 12:11.

According to this verse, what should we never lack as we serve God?

What are some things you can do to keep the passion for God alive while serving God?

Your thoughts:



Week 13—Why and How We Give

Monday

Read 2 Corinthians 9:6.

According to this verse, what will happen if we sow or give a little?

What will happen if we sow or give a lot?

Your thoughts:

Tuesday

Read 2 Corinthians 9:7.

How much does Paul, the book's author, say each person is to give?

If we're not supposed to give reluctantly, what kind of giver does God love?

Your thoughts:

Wednesday

Read 2 Corinthians 9:10.

Who will supply the seed for you to sow?

That means God will give you what He wants you to give! What has God already blessed you with that you can give back to Him?

Your thoughts:

Thursday

Read 2 Corinthians 9:11,12.

Why would God make us "rich" or "blessed"?

When we are generous to people with what God has given us, what will they do?

Your thoughts:

Friday

Read Luke 16:10-14.

What does Jesus say we cannot serve?

What is one of the ways we can prove to ourselves and God that money isn't our god?

Your thoughts:



Week 14—An Attitude of Gratitude!

Monday

Read Malachi 3:8-10.

How does Malachi say God's people are actually robbing God?

A tithe is 10 percent of a person's income. In the Old Testament everyone in Israel was required to give this amount. Do you think that, as believers in Christ, we should give more or less than 10 percent?

Your thoughts:

Tuesday

Read Malachi 3:8-10 (again).

Where does God tell us to bring our tithe?

Your storehouse is the church you attend regularly. What does God promise to do if we're faithful in our tithes and offerings?

Your thoughts:

Wednesday

Read Matthew 6:19-21.

What did Jesus tell us not to do with our treasure or money?

What is the advantage of storing up treasure in heaven?

Your thoughts:

Thursday

Read Luke 21:1-4.

What does the Bible say Jesus was watching?

Did you know Jesus still watches over every offering that's given to Him? This woman gave the least, so why did Jesus say she put in more than all the others?

Your thoughts:

Friday

Read Acts 4:32-35.

What does the Bible say that no one claimed?

How would our world be different if more believers gave more to help the needy persons in our communities and around the world?

Your thoughts:



Week 15—All He Wants Is All You Have!

Monday

Read Luke 9:23-25.

What do we have to do to follow Jesus?

What does Jesus say a person can do to “save” their lives?

Your thoughts:

Tuesday

Read Mark 8:35,36.

Jesus asks the question, “What can man _____ in exchange for his _____?” What are some things that you’ve seen people do that caused them to exchange their soul?

Your thoughts:

Wednesday

Read Matthew 10:8.

Jesus told his disciples as He sent them out to minister: “_____ you have received, freely _____.” What has God given you free of charge?

Your thoughts:

Thursday

Read 1 Timothy 4:12-13.

In what ways are you as a young person to be an example to others?

This can only be done as you give or “devote” yourselves to what? (See verse 13.)

Your thoughts:

Friday

Read 1 Timothy 4:14-16.

What does the apostle Paul ask Timothy to “give” himself wholly to?

What will happen if we give ourselves completely to God and his calling on our lives? We will save both _____ and _____.

Your thoughts: