

E-DEVOTIONALS

If you want to spice up your devotional life, why not have devotionals delivered directly to your e-mail inbox? Every day they will be there to greet you from your inbox. Below I'm going to share with you some of my favorite e-mail devotionals. I have given examples of each one as well as the link if you choose to subscribe after reading the example.

Walk Thru the Bible is well-known for their teaching courses. However, their daily e-mail devotional has become one of my all time favorites. The insight section is always penetrating and the devotional itself is filled with Scripture, especially the Psalms.

May 30

2 Samuel 11

David commits adultery with Bathsheba, the wife of one of his loyal commanders.

INSIGHT

There is greater pain in sin than in righteousness. David clearly loves Bathsheba. Certainly, it would have pained him had he turned his heart away from her before having relations with her. But that pain is nothing compared to the pain he brings on himself and others by taking her as his own. Adultery, murder, the death of their child, the loss of respect, and the memory of the guilt were some of the results of his sin. It is sometimes painful to do the right thing, but it is always more painful to do the wrong thing.

PRAYER

Praise the Lord because He fulfills our lives by giving us talents and abilities to develop:

Praise the Lord!

Praise God in His sanctuary;

Praise Him in His mighty firmament!

Praise Him for His mighty acts;

Praise Him according to His excellent greatness!

Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet;

Praise Him with the lute and harp! . . .

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord! (Psalm 150:1-3, 6).

Pause for personal praise and thanksgiving.

Pray this confession to the Lord as you seek to keep your life free from sin:

I will cleanse them from all their iniquity by which they have sinned against Me,

and I will pardon all their iniquities by which they have sinned

and by which they have transgressed against Me (Jeremiah 33:8).

Confess any sins that the Holy Spirit brings to your mind.

Now pause to pray this affirmation to the Lord:

The Lord is good to those who wait for Him,

To the soul who seeks Him.

It is good that one should hope and wait quietly

For the salvation of the Lord (Lamentations 3:25-26).

As you make your requests known to the Lord, pray for:

your development of an eternal perspective,

your personal spiritual goals,

your activities for the day.

Finally, offer this closing prayer to the Lord:

To Titus, a true son in our common faith: Grace, mercy,

and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Savior (Titus 1:4).




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Many of you already know that the New Living Translation is one of my favorites. This quick e-mail devotional pops a wonderful verse at you each day with a few words related to the verse. It's short but powerful.

"The Life Application Daily Devotion"



June 18, 2009

But many who are the greatest now will be least important then, and those who seem least important now will be the greatest then.
[Matthew 19:30, NLT](#)

Jesus turned the world's values upside down. Consider the most powerful or well-known people in our world ¶ how many got where they are by being humble, self-effacing, and gentle? Not many! But in the life to come, the last will be first ¶ if they got in last place by choosing to follow Jesus.

Don't forfeit eternal rewards for temporary benefits. Be willing to make sacrifices now for greater rewards later. Be willing to accept human disapproval, while knowing that you have God's approval.

<http://www.thenlt.com/06devotionals/>

Moody Bible Institute puts out Today in the Word. It's always thoughtful and informative.


Monday, May 25, 2009

Read: [Hebrews 5:1-10](#)

Once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.
Hebrews 5:9

TODAY IN THE WORD

The word *monopoly* usually carries a negative connotation, but sometimes it's really a good thing. A patent is a sort of monopoly that protects an inventor from having his idea stolen and copied. Natural monopolies mean only one entity can provide goods or services. Typically public utilities have been natural monopolies, and some small towns might have only one doctor. In these cases, one option is better than none at all, especially when your well being is at stake.



Christians are often accused of unfairly believing that Jesus has a monopoly on salvation. But other objects of faith aren't able to give people access to heaven for the simple reason that they lack the power to do it. Jesus Christ has a supernatural monopoly on salvation because He alone has the unique capability to usher sinful people into communion with a holy God. The writer of Hebrews called Him "the source of eternal salvation," (v. 9) and explained how He is superior to every high priest before Him.

As a bridge between God and man, a high priest had to be connected to both. Despite his lofty position, a high priest was chosen from among the people and was guilty of sins just like they were. He needed to identify with the weaknesses of the people he was representing. His connection with God and the opportunity to intercede came not from his own merits but from the fact that God bestowed the honor upon him (v. 4). In that sense, Christ was no different.

Jesus didn't bypass the procedure for becoming high priest. He was born as a man. He was appointed by God. He endured the sufferings and weaknesses of human form, and although He never sinned, He was tempted as we are (Heb. 4:15). The One who needed no sacrifice became ours, and He who demands our obedience was obedient Himself. In so doing, He became the perfect High Priest who can both fully identify with our role as followers and yet perfectly commune with our Holy Father. Jesus is the sole source of salvation because He alone was able to pay the price (v. 9).

TODAY ALONG THE WAY

Do you believe that Jesus can completely identify with your sufferings? Do you really accept that He is also divine? And given those two amazing truths, do you also believe that He represents you before God? If so, things like worry, selfishness, and pride have no place in the equation. Respond to that truth in two ways. First, be humbled that you have a place in the divine plan; second, be empowered to serve Christ in whatever way He asks.

<http://www.todayintheword.org/GenMoody/default.asp>

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The Radio Bible Class (RBC) has been doing devotionals for many years. I have probably used it as long as any devotional and it still remains one of my favorites. You can subscribe and get them to mail you the devotionals which come in a form similar to the Upper Room but I like getting it daily in my e-mail.

June 1, 2009
Holy Fools

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READ: [Genesis 12:1-5](#)

If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes. —Mark 9:23

When God spoke to Abram, he obeyed at once, departing for an unknown land based only on a promise. Childless, he trusted God to make of him “a great nation” (Gen. 12:2).

God often does His work through “holy fools”—dreamers who strike out in ridiculous faith. Yet I tend to approach my decisions with calculation and restraint.

My church in Chicago once scheduled an all-night vigil of prayer during a major crisis. At length we discussed the practicality of the event before finally putting it on the calendar. The poorest members of the congregation, a group of senior citizens from a housing project, responded the most enthusiastically. I wondered how many of their prayers had gone unanswered over the years, yet they showed a childlike trust in the power of prayer. “How long do you want to stay—an hour or two?” we asked, thinking of van shuttles. “Oh, we’ll stay all night,” they replied.

One woman in her 90s explained, “We can pray. We got time, and we got faith. Some of us don’t sleep much anyway. We can pray all night if needs be.” And so they did.

Meanwhile, a bunch of yuppies in a downtown church learned an important lesson: Faith often appears where least expected and falters where it ought to thrive. —Philip Yancey

Faith looks across the storm—it does not doubt
Or stop to look at clouds and things without.
Faith does not question why when all His ways
Are hard to understand, but trusts and prays. —Anon.

Prayer is the voice of faith.

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Now if you have trouble with a negative attitude it won't last long after reading the daily devotional from Joel Osteen. He's always upbeat and positive.

Stand and See

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

"...stand and see the salvation of the Lord..."
(II Chronicles 20:17, NAS)

TODAY'S WORD from Joel and Victoria

Is there something difficult in your life that you are avoiding? So many people today run from anything that's hard. They run from their problems. They run from responsibility. They run from people they don't like. They run from the past. They run from anything that makes them uncomfortable. Instead of facing the issues and dealing with them, they just take the easy way out and go down the path of least resistance. But if you're going to live in victory the way God intends, you have to learn how to face your challenges head on.

Notice today's verse doesn't say, "Keep running until you see the salvation of the Lord." It doesn't say, "Bury your head in the sand until God delivers you." No, God wants us to stand strong, set our faces like a flint, and fight the good fight of faith. And the good news is you don't have to do it in your own strength! He's equipped you with His supernatural power to overcome every obstacle.

Make the decision today to stand strong and face the challenges in your life. Be bold and dare to conquer! As you stand in faith, you will see the salvation, the deliverance of Almighty God in every area of your life!

A PRAYER FOR TODAY

Father in heaven, search my heart. Show me any area in my life where I may be hiding. I choose today to stand in faith and invite You to move mightily on my behalf. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

<http://www.joelosteen.com/Pages/Index.aspx>

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John Maxwell is the Christian leadership guru. He's written more books about leadership than anyone else I know. His daily e-devotionals are short and to the point but do a good job at looking at leadership from a Christian perspective.

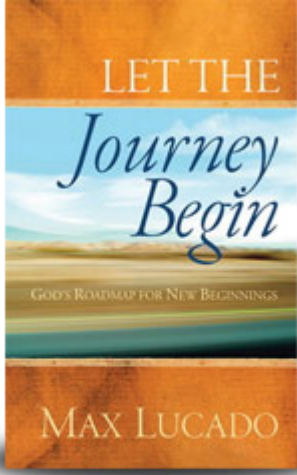
May 30

Leadership Development, Not Fulfillment

Leaders can't afford to make fools of themselves, gulping wine and swilling beer, lest, hung over, they don't know right from wrong, and the people who depend on them are hurt. Proverbs 31:4-5 (The Message)

Beginning in the late 60s and early 70s, people began talking about "finding themselves," meaning that they were searching for a way to become self-fulfilled. It's like making "happiness" your goal, because self-fulfillment is about feeling good.

But self-development is different. Sure, much of the time it will make you feel good, but that's a by-product, not the goal. Self-development is a higher calling; it is the development of our potential so that we can fulfill the purpose for which we were created. There are times when that's fulfilling, but other times it's not. But no matter how it makes us feel, self-development always has one effect: It draws us toward our destiny. As Rabbi Samuel M. Silver said, "The greatest of all



miracles is that we need not be tomorrow what we are today, but we can improve if we make use of the potential implanted in us by God."

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A GREAT GIFT FOR GRADUATES

Max Lucado is one of my favorite authors. His devotional only comes out once a week but you can also sign up for a daily audio version.

God is Cheering for You

by Max Lucado

If your God is Mighty enough to ignite the sun, could it be that He is mighty enough to light your path?

God is for you. Not "may be," not "has been," not "was," not "would be," but "God is!" He is for you. Today. At this hour. At this minute. As you read this sentence. No need to wait in line or come back tomorrow. He is with you. He could not be closer than he is at this second. His loyalty won't increase if you are better nor lessen if you are worse. He is for you.

God is for you. Turn to the sidelines; that's God cheering your run. Look past the finish line; that's God applauding your steps. Listen for him in the bleachers, shouting your name. Too tired to continue? He'll carry you. Too discouraged to fight? He's picking you up. God is for you.

God is for you. Had he a calendar, your birthday would be circled. If he drove a car, your name would be on his bumper. If there's a tree in heaven, he's carved your name in the bark. We know he has a tattoo, and we know what it says. "I have written your name on my hand," he declares (Isa. 49:16).

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