



ALL I NEED

A 5-Day Devotional Study on
GOD'S PROVISION

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WELCOME

Hello, fellow sister-in-Christ! I invite you to peer deeper into who the Lord is through this 5-day devotional study focusing specifically on His provision.

The *All I Need* devotional study exists to help you reflect upon the Lord's work in your life. Each and every day, He is meeting you right where you are, caring for you, and providing for you. As you take time to remember what the Lord has done in the past, it can help you be aware of how you are responding to what He is doing for you, right now.

WHAT IS A DEVOTIONAL STUDY?

Well, it's a little bit "devotional" in that, each day, there will be a verse to ponder and thoughts reflective of that verse. It's also a little bit "study", in that there are additional Scriptures to read and reference as you answer several questions.

HOW TO USE THIS DEVOTIONAL STUDY

The 5-day devotional study will focus on seeing God's provision in the areas of **Finances, Motherhood, Home, Marriage, and Faith**. It invites you to actively engage with the Scriptures referenced and reflect on the questions provided.

I encourage you to go through the devotional study a day at a time so you can fully meditate on the Scripture you are reading. However, keep in mind that it does *not* need to be completed in 5 consecutive days! Go at a pace that is comfortable for you.

Before you begin your study time each day, be sure to pray. Eliminate any distractions, grab your pen, Bible, a cup of coffee... and get started!

All scriptures are noted in ESV, NASB or NKJV.

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Day 1 >>>

FINANCES

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*And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.
-Philippians 4:19 NASB*

This may be a familiar verse for you. Sometimes, however, the most well-known verses are the ones that receive the least amount of thought. Surely, God does supply all of our needs— not just financially— but *all* of our needs.

Yet, money makes the world go 'round, as they say. Many people live and die by this code. Much of our culture promotes a lifestyle of relying on money to be the great provider.

As a culture, we have made an idol of our careers, our jobs, and our bank accounts. We've come to a place where we trust more in ourselves and our ability to exchange hours for dollars as opposed to trusting the One who tells us that He will supply all our needs.

Let's not give in to the lie. God makes the world go 'round. He always has, and He always will until the end. Does God honor work? Yes. He doesn't want us to be lazy, living a life of taking handouts, or continually relying on another human being if we have the capacity to take care of ourselves (Proverbs 6:1-11).

He wants us to rely on Him. He desires for us to release the grip on our finances and hand them over to Him. When we stay in communication with the Lord and allow Him to direct our steps, we can rest assured that He will give us what we need along the way. It may not be as much as we expect; or, it may much be more.

Whatever the case— the safest, most financially secure place we can be is in the will of God.

FURTHER READING: PSALM 34

Notes

LET'S STUDY

Read 2 Corinthians 12:9-10. What is the attitude we are to have when we face difficulties, and what does God promise us?

Think of all the Lord has already done for you and your loved ones. List several ways the Lord provides for those He loves.

REFLECTION

How are you responding to the Lord's work in your finances? Are you satisfied and content?

How are you resisting or manipulating His work?

List two things you can start doing today to help you trust God's provision of monetary security:

Day 2 >>>

MOTHERHOOD

DEVOTIONAL

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. -Galatians 5:22-25 ESV

Lovely fruit grows on lovely trees. Only the fruit designed to grow on a particular tree, according to its DNA, grows on that tree. In other words, we won't see an apple tree producing peaches, right?

Speaking of DNA, what's in our spiritual DNA? When we become Christians, we are given the Holy Spirit to dwell within us, removing the stronghold of darkness and bondage of sin, and replacing it with the righteousness of Christ.

Our spiritual DNA changes in an instant. With the Spirit as our guide, we can choose to allow Him to lead us so that we walk in a way that reflects the beauty of who He is to others. Our *being* and *doing* should display the fruit of the Spirit. This begins within ourselves, then flows out into our homes-- particularly in how we interact with the ones in our care.

Through our parenting, God has provided a means for us to properly train up our children in the way they should go. His provision allows us to be patient instead of barking orders; to show kindness instead of belittling; and to be gentle instead of displaying our parental wrath in the midst of disobedience.

God's provision in the form of His character is literally inside of us, ready and waiting for us to make it evident to our children each day. It longs to grow and produce fruit according to its kind. Until our children are able to have a personal encounter and understanding of Jesus, you are the measure by which they weigh His goodness. Be a good steward of His gift of the Holy Spirit.

Day 2 >>>

MOTHERHOOD

STUDY

FURTHER READING: PROVERBS 15

Notes

LET'S STUDY

Read Galatians 5:22-23. Write the definition of all of the words noted as the fruit of the Spirit.

Read the following verses. How do they relate to walking in the Spirit?

- Ephesians 4:1 | Colossians 1:10 | 1 Thessalonians 2:12

Day 2 >>>

MOTHERHOOD

STUDY

REFLECTION

How are you responding to the Lord's work of cultivating and growing the fruit of the Spirit in your life? Do you believe His fruit is enough?

How are you resisting or manipulating His work, particularly in the area of motherhood? Which fruit do you forsake in the heat of the moment?

List two things you can start doing today to help you trust and rely on God's provision of His character.

The wise woman builds her house, but the foolish tears it down with her own hands. -Proverbs 14:1 NASB

We have the ability to bring beauty, grace, and an atmosphere of love into our homes each day. Or, we can tear our homes down with foolish words, thoughts, and decisions. The caveat here is God's provision of wisdom.

Wisdom builds up. It gives us good judgment, discernment, and an understanding of what is right and wrong in the eyes of the Lord.

When we resist this provision, we make foolish decisions. Why? Because we replace the wisdom of God with our own wisdom, which doesn't compare to God's. Without a focus on God's wisdom, we formulate our own opinions, plan our own routes, and speak without relying on the Spirit.

Believe it or not, this affects not only the course of our lives but the temperature and flow of our entire homes. Please note: whether we work outside of the home or we're stay-at-home moms, we are homemakers! Wisdom or a lack thereof in our decisions *makes* our homes. It can become a place filled with God's direction-- evident in our conversations, routines, and attitudes; or, a place where foolishness abounds.

But glory to God-- He gives His wisdom generously to those who ask for it (James 1:5). His provision is there, ready and willing for us to use to build our homes on a solid foundation on Christ.

FURTHER READING: PROVERBS 8

Notes

LET'S STUDY

Read Proverbs 8:6-8. A great avenue of building up our homes is via our words. According to these verses, what does wise speech look like?

Proverbs 9:13-17 describes wisdom's antithesis: foolishness. One of the most common ways to tear down our homes is through our words. In contrast to wise speech, what does foolish speech look like?

REFLECTION

How are you responding to the Lord's desire to give you His wisdom?

Do you find yourself resisting His provision of wisdom by coming up with your own ways, thoughts, and maneuvers? How so?

List two things you can start doing today to ensure you're asking for and utilizing His wisdom in your home.

Day 4 >>>

MARRIAGE

DEVOTIONAL

You husbands in the same way, live with your wives in an understanding way, as with someone weaker, since she is a woman; and show her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered. -1 Peter 3:7 NASB

Yes, this verse is speaking specifically to husbands. Here, Peter gives husbands a godly mindset to follow in terms of how to view and treat their wives, and why. Understanding the biblical dynamic the Lord desires between husbands and wives, and how husbands are to view and treat their wives, I believe, is important for wives to know.

To know, not just for the sake of knowing, but because it's helpful to know the boundaries in which the Lord calls each of us to operate within our roles. The knowledge of these commands keeps us as wives from stepping into our husband's boundaries, hindering his walk, and manipulating his role— whether accidentally or purposely.

I think that one of the greatest provisions of God in our marriage is our husbands themselves. If we're married, God has provided us with a husband. As wives, it is our job to honor that provision in a way that shows respect (Ephesians 5:33), love, and a reflection of our relationship with Christ.

When we take our husbands for granted, tear them down, and buck at their authority as the spiritual leaders of our homes we are not being good stewards of God's provision. He has given us a man to show us love, care for us, and provide for our families; so, we can trust God knowing that whoever that man is, whatever his quirks, personality, or work ethic— he is enough. God is purposeful and knows what we need.

FURTHER READING: EPHESIANS 5:22-33

Notes

LET'S STUDY

Read Proverbs 31:10-12. What is the end result when we do good and not harm our husbands?

Read 1 Peter 4:8 and 1 Corinthians 13:5. Referencing these verses together, when we are diligent to love deeply, how will that influence our thoughts and actions towards our husbands?

REFLECTION

How are you responding to the Lord's provision of your husband? Are you grateful and content?

In what ways do you find yourself manipulating the work the Lord is doing through your husband?

List two things you can start doing today to help you be content with God's provision of the husband He gave you.

Day 5 >>>

FAITH

DEVOTIONAL

And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. -Deuteronomy 6:6-7 NKJV

Growing in our faith and our walk with the Lord happens when we seek the Lord and spend time at His feet, worshiping Him. He has also given us the beautiful gift of His timeless Word. His Word endures forever (1 Peter 1:25) and God doesn't change.

We can imprint the Word on our hearts knowing that what it says is permanent. We can remember it for ourselves and teach it to generations to come, being confident that the truths will never change. God commands us to teach our children the Word, talk of it all the time, and make living by God's Word a regular occurrence in our households.

Making the Word of God only a "Sunday thing" resists the Lord's provision of His Word. Forsaking our quiet time with the Lord on a regular basis, relying on superficial teaching, and not reading the Bible for ourselves are all ways that we let the Word slip from our grip. And, once it does, we quickly grab onto other thought processes— namely, worldly ones. From there, we can become more easily deceived and led astray (2 Corinthians 11:3).

Sister, we are blessed to live in a time when we have access to the full counsel of God. It is complete, alive, and has the ability to change our hearts. Let it do so!

FURTHER READING: PSALM 119

Notes

LET'S STUDY

Read Hebrews 5:12-14. There is danger in staying stagnant in our knowledge of the Lord. When we grow in maturity, what do we see as the end result?

Write 5 truths about God's Word and the effect it has in your life, according to Psalm 119.

REFLECTION

How are you responding to the Lord's provision of His Word? In what ways are you making His Word evident to those around you?

How are you resisting or manipulating God's desire for you to fully engage with His Word?

List two things you can start doing today to help you be a good steward of God's Word.
