

Devotionals for 21 Day Fast

OWN THE PURSUIT

DAY 13: Friday, January 28th — *It's Your Move*

¹⁷ "One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple."

Psalms 27:4

Let Jesus be your First, Most and Best!

"Keeping Christ at the center helps everything else come together."

First, Most, and Best

The best way to understand God's will is to desire (a choice you can control) Him above all else. Make Jesus your First, Most, and Best.

Instead of being filled with something temporary and transient, why not be filled with God's Spirit?

Here are some practical ways you can be filled with Jesus:

1. **Open your heart** to God's Spirit by faith and with eager expectation.
2. **Think about Jesus** and His principles. Meditate (picture practical application) on His ways in your life.
3. **Talk to Jesus and about Him** and His principles with others. Nudge them to draw closer to Jesus, to focus on Him, to trust and obey Him, to choose His hope.
4. **Rejoice in the Lord** throughout your day. **Thank Him** for His gift of life, the cross, His companionship, and for blessings tucked into life all around you. They co-exist beside your troubles. Let thanksgiving be your sacrifice to God. (Ps. 50:14; Heb. 13:15) Choose a positive, cheerful demeanor.
5. **Train yourself to find God's goodness** in every life detail, including difficulties, persecutions, and sufferings. Anticipate His unseen presence and faithfulness.
6. **Take joy in God's incredible love and care.** Notice His attention to details as you trust. He's watching over you.
7. **Be so filled up with God** that His life spills over from your life onto others' lives. Give Him credit for this.

Original Design

Original design is living in partnership with God, enjoying His love, and showing deep respect for Him. You need His intimate involvement in these troubled times.

So, what time is it? It's the right time to slip into the original design. Partner with God. Believe everything He says. Obey His commands. He is good and faithful, and He always keeps His Word.

It's tempting to think that loving God, obeying His principles, and worshipping Him is old-fashioned. Perhaps it is. But it's the only way to live a purposeful life. The original design helps you know God better and yourself better.

Time is growing shorter. Jesus will return. You can enjoy God and yourself more each day. This helps you enjoy life and other people more. Spend daily time with Jesus to slip into the original design. Let your life make a difference.

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I have no goals that don't include Him.

I have no opinions that don't include Him.

I have no standards that don't include Him.

IS CHRIST WRITTEN ON MY LIFE, NOT JUST IN MY HEAD AND LIPS?

Devotional Text

Psalm 27:4

Psalm 50:15

Hebrews 13:15

Matthew 22:37-40

When the pursuit of God becomes our reason for being, the central and foremost thought on our minds when we awake, & the driving joy of our day, there is no telling how God could showcase the fruits of our lives to get folks to "taste and see that the LORD IS GOOD!"

— Victor



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Application Questions to Explore What Time Is It?

1. What do you want to be doing five minutes before Jesus returns?
2. Are you striving for – and asking God for – a life that includes these qualities? Look them up and jot their meanings:
 - **Accurate**
 - **Careful**
 - **Practical**
 - **Relevant**
 - **Integrity**
 - **Wisdom**
3. Does your life story point to Jesus?
4. What practices will you adopt to trust and obey God?
5. What practices will you give up because they are not pleasing to God?
6. Is Jesus your First, Most, and Best?
7. Are you in Scripture and praying daily?

Most of all – how do you answer, “what time is it?”

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