

30 days to live

“DEEPENING RELATIONSHIPS THAT MATTER THE MOST”

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“Teach us to make the most of our time, so that we may grow in wisdom.”
Psalm 90:12

- > Determine to Live with Passion
 - > Define Your “30 Days” Values -
 - > Depend on God’s Power to Live Out the Values.

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4 KEYS TO ENJOYING PEOPLE – PHILLIPIANS 1:3-11

1. BE GRATEFUL FOR THE PEOPLE IN YOUR LIFE (vs. 3)

"I thank my God every time I remember you."

Background: Acts 16

Lesson #1: REMEMBER THE BEST AND FORGET THE REST

"... because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now." vs.5

2. PRACTICE THANKSGIVING PRAYERS (vs. 4)

"In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ..."

Lesson #2: The quickest way to change a relationship from bad to good is to start: THANKING GOD FOR THE PEOPLE IN YOUR LIFE

"And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ - to the glory and praise of God." (vs. 9-11)

What to pray for others: Pray they will . . .

- GROW IN LOVE (vs. 9)
- MAKE WISE CHOICES (vs. 10a)
- DO THE RIGHT THING (vs. 10b)
- LIVE FOR GOD’S GLORY (vs. 11)

3. BE PATIENT WITH THEIR PROGRESS (vs.6)

"Being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."

Lesson #3 GOD IS NOT FINISHED WITH PEOPLE

Our Mistake: We judge others by how far they have to go rather than how far they have come.

4. LOVE PEOPLE FROM THE HEART (vs.7,8)

"It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart; for whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God’s grace with me. God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus."

"And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us." Romans 5:5

Lesson #4: The secret of enjoying the people in my life is to be: FILLED WITH GOD’S LOVE

ME [practical]

"Dear children, let us stop just saying we love each other; let us really show it by our actions." 1 John 3:18

Master the small acts

What is their primary “love language”?

- Acts of service Quality Time Physical touch
 Receiving gifts Words of affirmation

- Who do I need to “clean things up” with?

GOD [Power]

“You must make allowance for each other’s faults and forgive the person who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you so you must forgive others.”
Colossians 3:13

Week 1: Live like I’m dying

Today: **LOVE LIKE I’M FORGIVEN**

Additional scripture to study 1 Samuel 15:25, Luke 17:3, Hebrews 8:12, James 5:15, James 1:9

For more information on the Love Languages go to <http://www.fivelovelanguages.com/>

TIME WITH GOD

Memory Verse: *Jesus said, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength, and love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.”* Mark 12:30–31 NIV

Monday – Happy Valentines Day!

Look back over your notes from the past weekend. Which of the points hits home the most for you? If you only had one month to live, whom would you want to spend time with? To whom do you need to apologize?

Who needs to be assured today that you love them? What keeps you from doing these things now?
Ask God to help you love others — demonstrated in practical ways — this week. Ask Him to help you make this your highest value.

Tuesday

Read 1 Corinthians 13. List the seven characteristics of love in these verses:

List the 8 characteristics of what love is not:

How is this different from the way love is perceived and defined in our culture?

Where are you weakest? How can you improve in this area today?

Ask God today to help you better reflect that aspect of love!

Wednesday

Read Romans 12:9–21. List some of the practical ways Paul says to show love in these verses:

Which of these takes time? In what ways is love more than an emotion, according to these verses? What sort of person is difficult for you to love? Why?

Ask the Lord to help you see these people through His eyes. Ask Him to help you show love to others with the same kind of mercy God shows you!

Thursday

Read Romans 13:8–12. How does Paul emphasize the point that the best time to love is now? How is love a fulfillment of the law? How would you show love if you knew your life would end in one month?

Ask God to bring to mind a specific loving deed you can do today!

Friday

Read Matthew 22:34–40. What do you think it means to “love God with all your heart, soul, and mind”? What does it mean to “love your neighbor as yourself”? What competes with these values in the lives of many people today? In your life? How can you keep your focus on what really matters?

Ask God to maintain your focus on Him today, orienting your words and actions in His direction!

Saturday

Catch up on any devotions you may have missed, and pray for your family, friends, our church and our community!