



M.O.T.I.V.A.T.E.

Influence For Lasting Impact

A 52-WEEK DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

Devotion Guidelines

1. Keep it short and interactive.
2. Read the Scripture passage together.
3. Discuss how you and your family members will apply the lesson.
4. Pray for each other and ask for God's help to apply what you have learned.

Week 1

Motivate Principle:

MODELING

Modelling is the most effective way of teaching.

READ IT!

John 13:15 (Jesus speaking)

"I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you."

1 Peter 2:21

"...He [Christ] is your example, and you must follow in his steps."

TALK ABOUT IT!

1. What did you like about the verses?
2. What did you learn about God/Jesus?
3. What did you learn about following Jesus?
4. How will you model servanthood more at home as a spouse, parent, child or as a single adult (including teens)? Be specific

POINT IT OUT!

- Our ultimate role model is Jesus Christ.
- Modeling is lifestyle teaching.
- To be effective models, we must walk our talk

APPLY IT!

How will you apply the devo lesson this week?

"I will..."

PRAY FOR IT!

Dear Father, thank You for sending us Jesus to show us in real ways, who You are and what You are like. By Your Spirit, change us to be more like Your Son; help us to model servanthood to our family members and others in every part of our lives. In Jesus' name, amen.

Week 2

Motivate Principle:

MODELING

Model Christlike Character.

READ IT!

1 Corinthians 11:1 (Apostle Paul speaking)

"Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ."

Philippians 3:17 (Apostle Paul speaking)

"Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do."

Titus 2:7a

In everything set them an example by doing what is good.

TALK ABOUT IT!

1. What did you like about the verses?
2. What did you learn about God/Jesus?
3. What did you learn about following Jesus?
4. How confident are you in asking your family members to follow you as you follow the example of Jesus?
5. How are you in terms of modelling Christlikeness as a spouse, parent, child, or single adult? How can you improve this week?

POINT IT OUT!

- We must model Christlike character.
- People around us will copy what we do more than what we say.

APPLY IT!

How will you apply the devo lesson this week?

"I will..."

PRAY FOR IT!

Dear Father, thank You for sending us Jesus to show us in real ways, who You are and what You are like. By Your Spirit, change us to be more like Your Son; help us to grow in Christlike character and behavior so that through our example, our family and others will see Christ in us more and more. In Jesus' name, amen.

Week 3

Motivate Principle:

MODELING

Be intentional In loving others.

READ IT!

John 13:34-35 (Jesus speaking)

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

1 John 2:6

Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.

TALK ABOUT IT!

1. What did you like about the verses?
2. What did you learn about God/Jesus?
3. What did you learn about following Jesus?
4. How intentional are you as a spouse, parent, child, young single adult in loving your family members the way Jesus loves us (unconditionally, unselfishly)?
5. In what ways can you live as Jesus lived based on your role in the family, this week?

POINT IT OUT!

- Be intentional in loving others the way Jesus loves us.
- Seek to live like Jesus did every day of your life especially at home.
- Modeling is so powerful because values are more caught than taught.

APPLY IT!

How will you apply the devo lesson this week?

"I will..."

PRAY FOR IT!

Dear Father, thank You for sending us Jesus to show us in real ways, who You are and what You are like. By Your Spirit, change us to be more like Your Son; help us to be intentional in loving our family the way Jesus loves us. Enable us through your Spirit to live the way Jesus lived especially at home. In Jesus' name, amen.

Week 4

Motivate Principle:

MODELING

Be authentic and avoid hypocrisy.

READ IT!

John 1:8 (Referring to John the Baptist)

He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

1 John 1:6-7

If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

TALK ABOUT IT!

1. What did you like about the verses?
2. What did you learn about God/Jesus?
3. What did you learn about following Jesus?
4. What do you think it means to be a credible/authentic witness for Jesus? Do you need to be without weaknesses or never make a mistake?
5. How will witnessing about Jesus, the Light make a difference in your family? Among your friends? Classmates or colleagues at work?

POINT IT OUT!

- Be an authentic witness for Jesus--modeling is not perfection
- Humbly acknowledge mistakes and ask forgiveness from those we've hurt.
- Live for the Audience of One - GOD, in private, and in public--the One-Man Principle

APPLY IT!

How will you apply the devo lesson this week?

"I will..."

PRAY FOR IT!

Dear Father, thank You for sending us Jesus to show us in real ways, who You are and what You are like. By Your Spirit, change us to be more like Your Son. Though we are not perfect, let us be credible witnesses for Jesus as we love and faithfully follow Him whether at home or outside the home. In Jesus' name, amen.

Week 5

Motivate Principle:

MODELING

Be empowered by the Holy Spirit.

READ IT!

Galatians 5:15, 22-23

15 If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other...22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law

Ephesians 4:2-3

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

TALK ABOUT IT!

1. What did you like about the verses?
2. What did you learn about the Holy Spirit?
3. What did you learn about following Jesus?
4. Is the fruit of the Spirit evident in you as a spouse, parent, child (young or single adult), sibling? What can you improve?

POINT IT OUT!

- The Christian life is a supernatural life. It is impossible to live in our own power.
- To be a model of Christlikeness, we need to be filled (controlled and empowered) by the Holy Spirit.
- To continually walk in the Spirit, practice P.R.A.Y: Pause; Resist first response; Ask the Holy Spirit for help; Yield to the Spirit's control, respond in a way that pleases God.

APPLY IT!

How will you apply the devo lesson this week?

"I will..."

PRAY FOR IT!

Dear Father, thank You for sending us Jesus to show us in real ways who You truly are. Thank You Jesus for sending the Holy Spirit to us! We admit that we cannot live a life pleasing to You on our own strength. Please fill us with Your Holy Spirit that we may be transformed into Christlike models for people to follow. Thank You, Lord that we are controlled and empowered by the Holy Spirit as we live Spirit-filled lives! In Jesus' name, we pray, amen.

Week 6

Motivate Principle:

OPEN COMMUNICATION

Give opportunity for anyone to share real thoughts and feelings without being judged.

READ IT!

James 1:19-20

"I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you."

Galatians 6:1-2

Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

TALK ABOUT IT!

1. What did you like about the verses?
2. What did you learn about God/Jesus?
3. What did you learn about people?
4. What did you learn about following Christ?
5. How will obeying these commands promote open communication in your family? In your Dgroup?

POINT IT OUT!

- When there is open communication, there is greater influence.
- Listen, don't lecture.
- Give your full attention to the one speaking.
- Paraphrase or clarify what is shared; ask open-ended questions.

APPLY IT!

How will you apply the devo lesson this week?

"I will..."

PRAY FOR IT!

Dear Father, thank You for giving us the Bible, Your written word and for sending Jesus, the Living Word to live among us to clearly communicate and demonstrate to us who You truly are. Thank You that through prayer, we can openly talk to You about anything and everything! Enable us to have open communication in our family, Dgroup, etc. and influence them better to follow Jesus. In Christ's name we pray, amen.

Week 7

Motivate Principle:

OPEN COMMUNICATION

Interact, do not react in anger

READ IT!

Ephesians 4:15-16; 29

Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work...

Let no unwholesome word come out of your mouth, but if there is any good word for edification according to the need of the moment, say that, so that it will give grace to those who hear.

TALK ABOUT IT!

1. What did you like about the verses?
2. What did you learn about God/Jesus?
3. What did you learn about people?
4. How will obeying these commands promote open communication in your family? In your Dgroup?
5. What do you think will help you speak only wholesome words that build others up and give grace to those who hear you?

POINT IT OUT!

- If we feel that a person's point of view is wrong, we should not react in anger.
- Seek to dialogue, not debate, judge or put them down.
- Help them process what they are thinking in order to come up with God-honoring perspective. Lead them to Scripture related to their situation.
- In guiding them, we must model Christlikeness by speaking the truth in love.

APPLY IT!

How will you apply the devo lesson this week?

"I will..."

PRAY FOR IT!

Dear Father, thank you for giving us the Bible, Your written word and for sending Jesus, the Living Word to live among us to clearly communicate and demonstrate to us who You truly are. Thank You that through prayer, we can openly talk to you about anything and everything! Let Your word fill our hearts so that everything we say build others up and give grace to those who hear. In Christ's name we pray, amen.

Week 8

Motivate Principle:

OPEN COMMUNICATION

Ask them how you can pray for them.

READ IT!

Colossians 4:6

Your speech must always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person.

James 5:16

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

TALK ABOUT IT!

1. What did you like about the verses?
2. What did you learn about God/Jesus?
3. What did you learn about people?
4. How will obeying these commands promote open communication in your family? In your Dgroup?
5. Is prayer a normal part of your response to someone who may irritate you, or hurt you? How can you improve in this area?

POINT IT OUT!

- Ask family, Dgroup and friends how you can pray for them.
- Pray with them whenever possible.
- Follow them up--ask how God has answered your prayer for them.

APPLY IT!

How will you apply the devo lesson this week?

"I will..."

PRAY FOR IT!

Dear Father, thank You that through prayer, we can openly talk to You about anything and everything! Let Your Word fill our hearts so that everything we say will build others up and give grace to those who hear. Remind us to make prayer a normal part of our response to people around us, especially when they express a need, or at times when they may irritate or hurt us. In Christ's name we pray, amen.

Week 9

Motivate Principle:

TIME

Time builds relationships.

READ IT!

Mark 3:14

He appointed twelve that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach.

Luke 8:22

One day Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side of the lake." So they got into a boat and set out.

Luke 22:39

Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and his disciples followed him.

TALK ABOUT IT!

1. What did you like about the verses?
2. What did you learn about God/Jesus?
3. What did you learn about people--the twelve disciples?
4. How have you used your time lately to build relationships with your spouse, parents, children--both young and adult? How can you improve?
5. What can you do during your family times that will prepare your family members to "preach"/teach or share about Jesus to others?

POINT IT OUT!

- Prioritize the relationships that matter most.
- Jesus was intentional in spending time with His disciples. He lived, taught, trained, ate and ministered with them.
- We also need to be intentional and strategic with our family if we want to influence them to fulfil God's purpose for their lives.

APPLY IT!

How will you apply the devo lesson this week?

"I will..."

PRAY FOR IT!

Dear Father, thank You for how intentional You are towards us as You work out Your purposes for us! Enable us through Your Spirit to intentionally build relationships with each of our family members as we prioritize them in the use of our time. May we be effective in discipling our family members to be more like Jesus, and to share Christ to others! In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

Week 10

Motivate Principle: **TIME**

More time equates to more influence.

READ IT!

Acts 4:13

When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.

Acts 9:27

But Barnabas took him [Paul] and brought him to the apostles. He told them how Saul on his journey had seen the Lord and that the Lord had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had preached fearlessly in the name of Jesus.

TALK ABOUT IT!

1. What did you like about the verses?
2. What did you learn about God/Jesus?
3. What did you learn about people?
4. How much time do you spend with Jesus each day in prayer and listening to Him speak through the Bible? How can you improve?
5. Who are the people that you believe God wants you to influence the most for Jesus? How much time do you spend with them?

POINT IT OUT!

- Quality time and quantity time go together.
- Jesus was the greatest influence in the lives of Peter and John.
- Because of the time spent with Jesus, the disciples were equipped to continue His work after Jesus ascended to heaven.

APPLY IT!

How will you apply the devo lesson this week?

"I will..."

PRAY FOR IT!

Dear Father, we desire that Jesus will be the greatest influence in our lives. Help us individually and as a family to seek to spend quality time with Jesus daily. We want to experience life with You, Lord moment by moment that we may be transformed into the people You want us to be. May our family carry out Your work of letting others know about You and helping them become Christ-committed followers as well. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

Week 11

Motivate Principle: **TIME**

View time as an investment.

READ IT!

Read Exodus 24:13; 33:11, Deuteronomy 31:14; Joshua 1:1-9 for context

Numbers 11:28

Then Joshua the son of Nun, the attendant of Moses from his youth...

2 Timothy 1:5 (Paul speaking to Timothy, his disciple)

I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.

TALK ABOUT IT!

1. What did you like about the verses?
2. What did you learn about people (Moses, Joshua, Timothy, Lois, Eunice)?
3. Why do you think Moses chose Joshua to assist him starting from Joshua's youth?
4. Do you view time with your family and disciples an investment for Jesus? What ROI (return of investment) are you trusting God for as a result of the time you pour into your loved ones?

POINT IT OUT!

- Be available for "Magic Moments"--teaching moments that you can only catch if you invest time and journey with your loved ones through every season of their lives.
- Times spent with your family and disciples is an investment with eternal dividends.
- We will never have time unless we are intentional in making time.
- Having "no time" is a myth; we will always find time for what is important to us.

APPLY IT!

How will you apply the devo lesson this week?

"I will..."

PRAY FOR IT!

Dear Father, we are grateful for the gift of time You have entrusted to us. Teach us how we can invest time in our family's and disciples' lives in the busyness of this day and age. By Your grace, we aim for the maximum eternal "return of investment" in our loved ones. For Your glory, and in Jesus' name we pray, amen.

Week 12

Motivate Principle: **INTIMACY**

Enter into their world.

READ IT!

John 1:14

The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

1 Corinthians 15:33

³³ Do not be deceived: "Bad company corrupts good morals."

TALK ABOUT IT!

1. What did you like about the verses?
2. What did you learn about God/Jesus?
3. What did you learn about people?
4. Who are the people you are closest to? How are you influenced by them?
5. Do you intentionally enter (dwell) into your family's world? Do you invite them to enter into your world? Why or why not?

POINT IT OUT!

- Some ideas to help build intimacy with family and Dgroup:
- Go on vacations together. Short, out-of-town trips, a simple getaway, or a staycation for a change of environment.
- Play sports and develop hobbies together.
- Schedule meals together during the week at home without the distractions of gadgets to encourage conversation.

APPLY IT!

How will you apply the devo lesson this week?

"I will..."

PRAY FOR IT!

Dear Father, we praise You for blessing us with people to journey with in life. Grant us time and resources so that we can enjoy each other's company and build closer relationships through intentional activities that we can do together. Inspire us with ideas on how to enter into the world of our family members, and let them enter into ours. May our family and Dgroup become our most intimate relationships for Your glory. In Jesus' name, amen.

Week 13

Motivate Principle:

INTIMACY

Restore broken relationships.

READ IT!

Matthew 5:23-24

²³ Therefore, if you are presenting your offering at the altar, and there you remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴ leave your offering there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and present your offering.

Romans 12:18

If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

TALK ABOUT IT!

1. What did you like about the verses?
2. What did you learn about God/Jesus?
3. What did you learn about people?
4. Is there a need for you to reconcile with anyone from your family, Dgroup or loved ones? If so, when will you seek this reconciliation?

POINT IT OUT!

- Reconciling relationships is a priority for God and of utmost importance to effectively lead them to Jesus.
- This is so serious that the Lord commands us to fix these relationships before we present ourselves to Him.
- Ask each other in your family three questions: "How can I improve?"; "How have I hurt or disappointed you?"; "Will you please forgive me?"

APPLY IT!

How will you apply the devo lesson this week?

"I will..."

PRAY FOR IT!

Dear Father, thank You for the importance You give to relationships. Thank You for Jesus who laid down His life for us just so we can be reconciled with You. Help me to humble myself and seek reconciliation with family or loved ones when I need to. Will You please bless us in our family and Dgroups with greater harmony and intimacy? Thank You Father, in Jesus' name, amen.

Week 14

Motivate Principle:

VISION

Vision gives direction, purpose and motivation.

READ IT!

Proverbs 29:18a KJV

Where there is no vision, the people perish...

Colossians 1:28-29

He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me.

TALK ABOUT IT!

1. What did you like about the verses?
2. What did you learn about God/Jesus?
3. What did you learn about people?
4. What is the role of vision in influencing your family, Dgroup, etc. to be all God wants them to be?
5. Do you have a clear vision for your family life? Your Dgroup?

POINT IT OUT!

- Vision takes us to what we want to accomplish in our relationship with others.

APPLY IT!

How will you apply the devo lesson this week?

"I will..."

PRAY FOR IT!

Dear Father, make me a person of vision--may I learn to see my family, Dgroup according to how You see them. Use me to help people live out Your vision for them. Remind me always to live by faith and not by sight. Give me clear goals for my relationships and help me do them according to Your will and way. In Jesus' name, amen.

Week 15

Motivate Principle: **VISION**

God has a unique vision for each of us.

READ IT!

Ephesians 2:10

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

Titus 2:14

He gave his life to free us from every kind of sin, to cleanse us, and to make us his very own people, totally committed to doing good deeds.

TALK ABOUT IT!

1. What did you like about the verses?
2. What did you learn about God/Jesus?
3. What did you learn about people?
4. What did you learn about following Jesus?
5. What are some examples of "good works" that you can do for your family this week?

POINT IT OUT!

- We are designed to do good works towards other people.

APPLY IT!

How will you apply the devo lesson this week?

"I will..."

PRAY FOR IT!

Dear Father, thank You for creating me and saving me for a Divine purpose. Help me see others the way You see them--Your workmanship. Empower me with Your Holy Spirit to do good to all people at all times that Jesus Christ be seen in me. In Jesus' name, amen.

Week 16

Motivate Principle: **VISION**

Their vision must impact their present choices.

READ IT!

Galatians 6:7

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a person sows, this he will also reap.

Job 4:8

My experience shows that those who plant trouble and cultivate evil will harvest the same.

TALK ABOUT IT!

1. What did you like about the verses?
2. What did you learn about God/Jesus?
3. What did you learn about people?
4. How does vision guide your decisions today?
5. How do you see yourself as a spouse, parent, child, sibling contribute to the fulfilment of God's vision for each family member?

POINT IT OUT!

- In every choice/action you make today, there is a corresponding long-term consequence/reaction.

APPLY IT!

How will you apply the devo lesson this week?

"I will..."

PRAY FOR IT!

Dear Father, thank You for choosing me to be Your very own child. Thank You for creating us as beings with free will. Align my mind and heart with Yours that I may do things according to Your will. Let all my actions today contribute to the fulfilment of Your vision for my life! In Jesus' name, amen.

Week 17

Motivate Principle:

VISION

Teach them that delayed gratification is important.

READ IT!

Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans for prosperity and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.

Matthew 6:33

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

TALK ABOUT IT!

1. What did you like about the verses?
2. What did you learn about God/Jesus?
3. What did you learn about people?
4. How does it make you feel to know that God has good plans for your future?
5. How will you make sure that you are acting according to God's plan in your desires in life?

POINT IT OUT!

- Be patient and trust God's plan will be fulfilled for His people.

APPLY IT!

How will you apply the devo lesson this week?

"I will..."

PRAY FOR IT!

Dear Father, I praise You that You know the future and what is best for us. You are good and loving. I trust that You will fulfill Your plan and purpose in each one of us. Help me be patient and not rush things my way and in my time. Make us the persons You want us to be as we cooperate with Your vision of a good future for us, Your children. In Jesus' name, amen

Week 18

Motivate Principle:

VISION

Be empowered by the Holy Spirit.

READ IT!

1 Corinthians 10:31

Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all things for the glory of God.

Colossians 3:17

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

1 Peter 4:11

If anyone speaks, he should speak as one conveying the words of God. If anyone serves, he should serve with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

TALK ABOUT IT!

1. What did you like about the verses?
2. What did you learn about God/Holy Spirit?
3. What did you learn about people?
4. What did you learn about following Jesus?
5. Why do we need the Holy Spirit to fulfil God's vision for us?

POINT IT OUT!

- God has a Big Picture Vision for all who follow Him.
- The primary vision is to glorify God in all that we do.
- Glorify God in everything that you do by being Spirit-filled.

APPLY IT!

How will you apply the devo lesson this week?

"I will..."

PRAY FOR IT!

Dear Father, thank You for the Holy Spirit dwelling in me, who empowers me to live according to Your vision for me. I desire to live only for Your glory, Jesus. Fill me with Your Holy Spirit moment by moment that I may be a witness for You anytime, anywhere and in all that I do, starting within our family. In Jesus' name, amen.

AFFIRMATION

Affirmation encourages positive change.

READ IT!

Proverbs 18:21

Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit.

Proverbs 25:11 NLT

Timely advice is lovely, like golden apples in a silver basket.

TALK ABOUT IT!

1. What did you like about the verses?
2. What did you learn about people?
3. What did you learn about the power of words we speak to others?
4. How affirming are you as a spouse, parent, child, sibling in your words to your family members and Dgroup? Rate yourself from 1 to 5; 5 being the highest.
5. Do your family members and Dgroup agree with your rating? Humbly ask for their feedback.

POINT IT OUT!

- Positive words bring positive effect to the receiver/hearer.

APPLY IT!

How will you apply the devo lesson this week?

"I will..."

PRAY FOR IT!

Dear Father, thank You for the gift of life-giving words through Your Spirit. Thank You that we have Your Word as the ultimate source of affirmation. Thank You for using people who speak words of life that encourage us despite the negativity in this world. Lord, I ask that You mold me into the kind of person whose words speaks life into others, starting with my family and Dgroup. Make me Your mouthpiece for Eternal Life, who is Jesus--be it in face-to-face conversations or even virtually like in social media in this day and age. In Jesus' name I pray, amen.

Week 20

Motivate Principle:

AFFIRMATION

Affirm through positive words; avoid unwholesome words.

READ IT!

Ephesians 4:29

Let no unwholesome word come out of your mouth, but if there is any good word for edification according to the need of the moment, say that, so that it will give grace to those who hear.

James 3:9-10

With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be.

TALK ABOUT IT!

1. What did you like about the verses?
2. What did you learn about people?
3. What did you learn about following Jesus?
4. Are you in the habit of saying unwholesome words especially when you are angry or frustrated?
5. What words of affirmation have you received from God's Word lately? To whom will you share those gracious words this week?

POINT IT OUT!

- Do not speak any unwholesome words or 'death words' to others; these words tear down, wound the spirit and discourage; they erode others' confidence and self-image.
- Be intentional in speaking wholesome or 'life words'. These words affirm and build up others.

APPLY IT!

How will you apply the devo lesson this week?

"I will..."

PRAY FOR IT!

Dear Father, thank You for always speaking graciously towards us, even when we fail You. Teach us Holy Spirit, what words to say in every conversation we have with others, that they may be built up and not torn down. Remind us to avoid unwholesome words even in our expressions and in our private thoughts. May You be pleased with every word that come out of our mouths. In Jesus' name I pray, amen.

Week 21

Motivate Principle:

AFFIRMATION

God is our ultimate source of affirmation.

READ IT!

Matthew 3:17 (God the Father speaking)

¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

Jeremiah 31:3

The Lord appeared to us in the past, saying: "I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness."

TALK ABOUT IT!

1. What did you like about the verses?
2. What did you learn about God/Jesus?
3. What did you learn about people?
4. What words of affirmation has God spoken to you through the Bible lately?
5. What are some ways that you can soak up more of our Heavenly Father's affirming words each day?

POINT IT OUT!

- Jesus' ultimate Source of affirmation for His identity and self-worth was God the Father.
- Like Jesus, we must look to our Heavenly Father as our ultimate Source of affirmation

APPLY IT!

How will you apply the devo lesson this week?

"I will..."

PRAY FOR IT!

Dear Father, thank You for how we find our ultimate Source of identity and self-worth in You. May we be Your agents of affirmation for our family, Dgroup and others! Help us, Holy Spirit to grow into affirming persons more and more--beginning with our family members. In Jesus' name, amen.

Week 22

Motivate Principle:

AFFIRMATION

Affirm through unconditional love.

READ IT!

Romans 5:8

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

1 John 4:10

This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

TALK ABOUT IT!

1. What did you like about the verses?
2. What did you learn about God/Jesus?
3. What did you learn about people?
4. How is God's unconditional love reflected in your own family and Dgroup?
5. Is there someone you know who needs to hear about God's unconditional love for them through Jesus? How can you individually or as a family reach out to them?

POINT IT OUT!

- God loves us with unconditional love.
- Love is an unconditional commitment to imperfect people for their highest good which often requires sacrifice resulting in the glory of God.
- Love others with His love! Let your family members know that you love them and there is nothing they can do that will make you stop loving them.

APPLY IT!

How will you apply the devo lesson this week?

"I will..."

PRAY FOR IT!

Dear Father, thank You for demonstrating your unconditional love for us through Your Son, Jesus Christ who died on the Cross for the forgiveness of our sins. Help me to love others unconditionally through my words and actions. Make me a channel of blessing and an extension of Your unconditional love to people around me starting with my family. In Jesus' name, amen.

Week 23

Motivate Principle:

AFFIRMATION

Affirm a person's uniqueness.

READ IT!

Ephesians 2:10

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

Ephesians 4:7 NLT

However, he has given each one of us a special gift through the generosity of Christ.

TALK ABOUT IT!

1. What did you like about the verses?
2. What did you learn about God/Jesus?
3. What did you learn about people?
4. What unique characteristics do each of your family member have that reflect God's workmanship in their lives? Think of personality, talents, strengths, spiritual gift, etc.
5. How can you as a spouse, parent, young or adult child, sibling or Dgroup leader/member use your God-given uniqueness to do His good work at home, in your Dgroup, in this world?

POINT IT OUT!

- God created each one unique—in personality, gifts and talents. Each of us is His masterpiece!
- Help your family members and others identify their uniqueness and express appreciation for it.
- Don't compare them to others because God doesn't compare us with one another.

APPLY IT!

How will you apply the devo lesson this week?

"I will..."

PRAY FOR IT!

Dear Father, thank You for crafting each of us uniquely. Give me the eyes to see people as You see them--Your masterpiece. Take away any attitude of superiority or inferiority in us. Instead, may we celebrate each other's strengths and complement each other in our weaknesses in order to do the good works You have planned for us to do. In Jesus' Name we pray, amen.

Week 24

Motivate Principle:

AFFIRMATION

Affirm through physical affection.

READ IT!

Mark 10:16

And He took them in His arms and began blessing them, laying His hands on them.

Philippians 1:8 (Paul is Speaking)

For God is my witness, how I long for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus.

TALK ABOUT IT!

1. What did you like about the verses?
2. What did you learn about God/Jesus?
3. What did you learn about people?
4. Do you demonstrate appropriate physical affection to family and Dgroup members on a consistent basis? If not, why is that so?

POINT IT OUT!

- Jesus was very affectionate and He affirmed through touch.
- Affection is a positive non-verbal affirmation. Hugs, an arm on the shoulders, a pat on the back are all appropriate forms of affection.
- Research confirms that when a person of any age is hugged, oxytocin (happy hormone) is released in the brain, relaxing them and bonding them to the other person!

APPLY IT!

How will you apply the devo lesson this week?

"I will..."

PRAY FOR IT!

Dear Father, I am privileged to be called Your child and to express child-like faith in You. Thank You for expressions of love received through physical affection from loved ones. Let my hands be Your hands that bless others and my arms be Your arms ready to embrace those in need of comfort and affirmation. May these simple acts of kindness point them to Jesus Christ who loves us affectionately. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

Week 25

Motivate Principle:

AFFIRMATION

Affirm progress through positive expectations.

READ IT!

Philippians 1:6

For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work among you will complete it by the day of Christ Jesus.

Philippians 2:13

For it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.

1 Corinthians 1:8

He will sustain you to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

TALK ABOUT IT!

1. What did you like about the verses?
2. What did you learn about God/Jesus?
3. What did you learn about people?
4. What improvement in character, attitude and behavior do you see in your family members within the past 12 months?
5. Personalize Philippians 1:6 for your spouse, child, sibling, Dgroup member as a way of expressing your positive expectation of them!
"For I am confident...that God, who began a good work in you (family member), will complete it by the day of Christ Jesus!"

POINT IT OUT!

- It is God who starts the good work in people's lives, and it is He who will finish it.
- Don't focus on faults or shortcomings. Do not look at people the way they are today.
- Affirm their potential in Christ and inspire them to work towards it.
- Increase positive words of affirmation (at least 5 a day) and reduce negative words of correction.

APPLY IT!

How will you apply the devo lesson this week?

"I will..."

PRAY FOR IT!

Dear Father, I praise You for saving me and for continually working to complete my transformation into Christlikeness. Refine me Lord, to be the masterpiece that You want me to be. In the same way, let me see others beginning with my family and disciples, as Your work in progress. Use me to journey with them through victories and struggles as we look towards Your completed work in us in the day of Christ Jesus. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

Week 26

Motivate Principle:

TEACH & TRAIN PART 1

Effective training results in obedience to God and to parents.

READ IT!

Exodus 20:12

"Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be prolonged on the land which the LORD your God gives you."

Ephesians 6:1-3

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ² "Honor your father and mother"—which is the first commandment with a promise— ³ "so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth."

TALK ABOUT IT!

1. What did you like about the verses?
2. What did you learn about God/Jesus?
3. What did you learn about people?
4. Why is it important to obey our parents in the Lord?
5. What did you learn about teaching and training others to obey God and our parents?

POINT IT OUT!

- Obedience brings blessing.

APPLY IT!

How will you apply the devo lesson this week?

"I will..."

PRAY FOR IT!

Dear Father, thank You for the example of Jesus who obeyed You willingly and without delay, even if it meant dying on the cross for our sins. By Your Spirit, change us to be more like Your Son; help us to model Christlike obedience to our parents and other elders in our family that we may glorify and honor Your name. In Jesus' name, amen.

Week 27

Motivate Principle:

TEACH & TRAIN PART 1

Obedience should be with respect and a positive attitude.

READ IT!

Romans 13:1

Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.

1 Peter 2:17

Honor all people, love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king.

Titus 3:1

Remind them to be subject to rulers, authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good deed.

TALK ABOUT IT!

1. What did you like about the verses?
2. What did you learn about God/Jesus?
3. What did you learn about people?
4. How often do you pray for your earthly authorities?
5. What do you think should be our attitude about our human authorities? Why?

POINT IT OUT!

- Biblical obedience focuses on respect for authority.
- We are to obey God's appointed authorities: parents, government officials, teachers, church leaders, husband, employers

APPLY IT!

How will you apply the devo lesson this week?

"I will..."

PRAY FOR IT!

Dear Father, thank You for the example of Jesus who subjected Himself to earthly authorities even though He is God. In Your strength, mold us to trust that You are sovereign, and You are still God over our earthly authorities. Help us to obey and honor those You have put to lead us that we may glorify Your name. In Jesus' name, amen.

TEACH & TRAIN PART 1

Obedience is without delay.

READ IT!

Psalm 119:60

I will hasten and not delay to obey your commands.

Psalm 128:1

Blessed are all who fear the LORD, who walk in obedience to him.

TALK ABOUT IT!

1. What did you like about the verses?
2. What did you learn about God/Jesus?
3. What did you learn about people?
4. On a scale of 1-4 with 4 being the highest, how quick are you to obey instructions or commands (assume they are not immoral or illegal) from human authorities or from the Bible?
5. What did you learn about obeying God?

POINT IT OUT!

- Delayed obedience is disobedience
- All of us must practice "one-command" obedience with the Lord and human authorities

APPLY IT!

How will you apply the devo lesson this week?

"I will..."

PRAY FOR IT!

Dear Father, thank You that You grow our faith as You train us in obedience. Thank You for the example of Jesus who obeyed You without delay. By Your Spirit, teach us to trust that Your commands are for our good. Help us to model Christlike joy as we learn to immediately obey our parents and other authorities You put above us, that we may honor You and be a testimony to those around us. In Jesus' name, amen.

Week 29

Motivate Principle:

TEACH & TRAIN PART 1

God is our highest authority--we obey Him first and completely.

READ IT!

Acts 5:29

Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than human beings!"

Galatians 1:10

¹⁰ For am I now seeking the favor of people, or of God? Or am I striving to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a bond-servant of Christ.

TALK ABOUT IT!

1. What did you like about the verses?
2. What did you learn about God/Jesus?
3. What did you learn about people?
4. On a scale of 1-4 with 4 being the highest, how obedient are you in speaking about God to others?
5. What did you learn about teaching and training others to boldly and completely obey God's commands?

POINT IT OUT!

- As we respectfully obey authorities, we are obeying God, trusting that He will take care of us.
- If we disobey our authorities, we are disobeying God.
- The only exception in obeying human authorities is when they tell us to disobey God's Word.

APPLY IT!

How will you apply the devo lesson this week?

"I will..."

PRAY FOR IT!

Dear Father, thank You that You continually give us the grace to honor You through obedience. Thank You for the example of Jesus who completely obeyed You to do Your mighty work here on earth. By Your Spirit, teach us to trust that Your commands are for our good. Help us to model complete obedience even in situations when others may pressure us to disobey You. Help us to persevere in telling others around us about Jesus. In His name we pray, amen.

Lifestyle training helps internalize values.

READ IT!

Deuteronomy 6:5-7

Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. ⁶ These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. ⁷ Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk a long the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

Matthew 22:37-38

³⁷ And He said to him, "YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND." **This is the first and greatest commandment.**

TALK ABOUT IT!

1. What did you like about the verses?
2. What did you learn about God/Jesus?
3. What did you learn about people?
4. What must be our motive for obedience to God?
5. What did you learn about teaching and training the next generations? (Youth and singles may answer in terms of influencing the younger people in their circle).

POINT IT OUT!

- Lifestyle training in obedience is motivated by love.

APPLY IT!

How will you apply the devo lesson this week?

"I will..."

PRAY FOR IT!

Dear Father, thank You that You grow us in Your love that helps us to obey Your commands willingly from our hearts. By Your Spirit, strengthen us that we may witness to others for Your glory. Help us to model Christlikeness in how we relate with others that we may intentionally influence them to love You. In Jesus' name, amen.

READ IT!

Luke 2:52

And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

2 Peter 1:3-4

His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

TALK ABOUT IT!

1. What did you like about the verses?
2. What did you learn about God/Jesus?
3. What did you learn about people?
4. What area of your life do you need more training, and better discipline in?

POINT IT OUT!

- The goal in discipling our family and others is to help them reach their God-given potential--physically, mentally, socially and spiritually.
- Holistic training must consider IQ(Intelligence Quotient), EQ (Emotional Quotient), AQ (Adversity Quotient) and SQ (Spiritual Quotient)

APPLY IT!

How will you apply the devo lesson this week?

"I will..."

PRAY FOR IT!

Dear Father, thank You that You mold us in our entire being that we may please You in all things. Thank You for the example of Jesus who subjected himself to training and discipline by His earthly parents. By Your grace, help us be disciplined in all areas of our lives; that we may honor You each day and that we may be useful for Your kingdom! Help us to represent Jesus faithfully to those around us as we mature physically, mentally, emotionally, socially and spiritually. In Jesus' name, amen.

TEACH & TRAIN PART 2

Lifestyle training begins with renewing our mind.

READ IT!

Romans 12:2

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Ephesians 4:22-24

²² throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. ²³ Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. ²⁴ Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy.

TALK ABOUT IT!

1. What did you like about the verses?
2. What did you learn about God/Jesus?
3. What did you learn about people?
4. What occupies your thoughts the most lately?
5. How would you benefit from a renewed mind?

POINT IT OUT!

- We are to honor God with our thoughts.

APPLY IT!

How will you apply the devo lesson this week?

"I will..."

PRAY FOR IT!

Dear Father, thank You that Your mercies are new every morning. Thank You for continuously working in our hearts and minds that we may be more like your Son, Jesus. Thank You that You love us as we are, but You love us enough to not let us stay the way we are. By Your grace, keep molding us starting with our thoughts. May You use us to encourage others to honor You in our innermost being and may it reflect by how we live our lives from day to day. In Jesus' name, amen.

TEACH & TRAIN PART 2

Lifestyle training teaches us about our identity in Christ

READ IT!

Genesis 1:27

²⁷ So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

Psalms 139:14

"I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well."

TALK ABOUT IT!

1. What did you like about the verses?
2. What did you learn about God/Jesus?
3. What did you learn about people?
4. Is there anything about yourself that you would like to change? Why or why not?
5. What did you learn about teaching and training others about their identity in Christ?

POINT IT OUT!

- God sees us as priceless and special!

APPLY IT!

How will you apply the devo lesson this week?

"I will..."

PRAY FOR IT!

Dear Father, thank You for being sovereign in how You created us. Thank You that in Your wisdom You intentionally and intricately created us the way we are that we may live to bring You honor and glory. Thank You that You love us and that You sent Your Son, Jesus, to redeem us from sin that we may live for You. Help us to trust Your plans for us and to obey You in however way You want to use us. By Your grace, help us to be witnesses of Your goodness and grace to those around us. In Jesus' name, amen.

TEACH & TRAIN PART 2

Our new identity in Christ teaches us to develop Christlike character.

READ IT!

Romans 8:29

"For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters."

2 Corinthians 3:18

But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

Romans 13:14

But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

TALK ABOUT IT!

1. What did you like about the verses?
2. What did you learn about God/Jesus?
3. What did you learn about people?
4. Do you believe that God has a purpose for your life? Why or why not?
5. Why is it important to teach others about developing Christlike character?

POINT IT OUT!

- God wants us to develop Christlike character.

APPLY IT!

How will you apply the devo lesson this week?

"I will..."

PRAY FOR IT!

Dear Father, thank You for Your goodness and faithfulness in our lives. Thank You that in Your wisdom there are no accidents and that Your purpose always prevails. Thank You for giving us a new identity in Christ. By Your grace teach us to follow Your Word faithfully that we may live in a Christlike manner. Use us to be a blessing to those around us that we may lead them to be conformed to the image of Christ as well. In Jesus' name, amen.

TEACH & TRAIN PART 2

Our identity in Christ teaches us
God-confidence.

READ IT!

1 Samuel 17:45-46

David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the Lord will deliver you into my hands, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel.

Philippians 4:13

"I can do all this through him who gives me strength."

TALK ABOUT IT!

1. What did you like about the verses?
2. What did you learn about God/Jesus?
3. What did you learn about people?
4. Is there a challenge you are trusting God to help you overcome?
5. What are practical ways that can you develop God-confidence today?

POINT IT OUT!

- God wants us to develop confidence in Him that by His power we can do whatever God wants us to do and be whatever He wants us to be.

APPLY IT!

How will you apply the devo lesson this week?

"I will..."

PRAY FOR IT!

Dear Father, thank You that You strengthen us and enable us to be effective witnesses for You. Forgive us when we forget to depend on You for our day to day living. Forgive us when we become too busy and rely on our own strength and abilities. By Your grace, help us to depend on You because You are the God who gives strength to the weary and wisdom to those who ask. May You use us to point people to You in everything we say and do. In Jesus' name, amen.

TEACH & TRAIN PART 2

Teach and train others about respecting their family members.

READ IT!

Romans 13:8-10

Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not covet," and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

Matthew 7:12 (Jesus speaking)

"So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets."

TALK ABOUT IT!

1. What did you like about the verses?
2. What did you learn about God/Jesus?
3. What did you learn about people?
4. On a scale of 1-5, 5 being the highest, would you say that there is a mutual healthy respect amongst you and your family?
5. How will your family atmosphere change or improve if members respect one another?

POINT IT OUT!

- Respect is essential for healthy relationships.

APPLY IT!

How will you apply the devo lesson this week?

"I will..."

PRAY FOR IT!

Dear Father, thank You for the blessing of family. Forgive us, Lord, when we don't prioritize our families. By Your grace and Your strength, help us to love our families despite challenges. Teach us to be more patient and understanding with them. Help us to be good witnesses of Jesus and point them to You in the process. Provide us the wisdom for how we can reach out to our family members and honor them especially during challenging times. In Jesus' name, amen.

TEACH & TRAIN PART 2

Teach and train others the importance of forgiveness in the family.

READ IT!

Ephesians 4:31-32

³¹Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. ³²Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Hebrews 12:15

¹⁵See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many become defiled;

TALK ABOUT IT!

1. What did you like about the verses?
2. What did you learn about God/Jesus?
3. What did you learn about people?
4. Is there someone you need to forgive or someone you need to ask forgiveness from today?
5. How will a consistent practice of forgiveness in your family affect the way you relate to each other ?

POINT IT OUT!

- To forgive and be forgiven is essential to have a harmonious and peaceful relationship with others.

APPLY IT!

How will you apply the devo lesson this week?

"I will..."

PRAY FOR IT!

Dear Father, thank You for forgiving our sins through the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. Lord, forgiveness can be tough, but by the strength that You provide, may You help us to forgive those around us that we need to extend forgiveness to. May You also give us the courage to pursue peace and love by asking forgiveness from those whom we have hurt, especially those in our own families. Help us to model Christlikeness by being quick to forgive one another. In Jesus' name, amen.

TEACH & TRAIN PART 2

Teach and train others to give and invest in the lives of others.

READ IT!

Philippians 2:4

"Not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others."

Romans 15:2

Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up.

1 Corinthians 10:24

Let no one seek his own good, but the good of his neighbor.

TALK ABOUT IT!

1. What did you like about the verses?
2. What did you learn about God/Jesus?
3. What did you learn about people?
4. What does it mean for you to you invest in the lives of others? Think of this in your role as a spouse, parent, child, single adult or Dgroup leader and member.

POINT IT OUT!

- The antidote to selfishness is to serve others.

APPLY IT!

How will you apply the devo lesson this week?

"I will..."

PRAY FOR IT!

Dear Father, thank You for training us in godliness through servanthood. Thank You for the example of Jesus who selflessly gave His time to invest and disciple others, and even gave His life for us. Forgive us when we become too busy to share our time and blessings with others. Forgive us when we forget to give to our communities - be it our time, our talents, or resources. Teach us to selflessly love others by serving them that we may point them to You and bring honor to Your name. In Jesus' name, amen.

TEACH & TRAIN PART 2

Teach and train others to pursue sexual purity.

READ IT!

Ephesians 5:3

"³But sexual immorality or any impurity or greed must not even be mentioned among you, as is proper among saints"

2 Timothy 2:22

"Now flee from youthful lusts and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart."

TALK ABOUT IT!

1. What did you like about the verses?
2. What did you learn about God/Jesus?
3. What did you learn about people?
4. How are you doing in terms of guarding your sexual purity?
5. How can you help those around you, especially family, Dgroup, to flee worldly lusts?

POINT IT OUT!

- Temptations are inevitable but convictions can protect us from making wrong choices.

APPLY IT!

How will you apply the devo lesson this week?

"I will..."

PRAY FOR IT!

Dear Father, thank You for loving us despite our imperfections and our past. By Your grace, help us to live a redeemed life as we practice sexual purity in our thoughts, words, and actions. Help us to develop strong godly convictions that will honor You. Please strengthen and sustain us to always live in godliness. Help us to be faithful despite the pressures around us. In Jesus' name, amen.

Week 40

Motivate Principle:

TEACH & TRAIN PART 2

Teach others to commit to obey God and please Him.

READ IT!

Ephesians 5:18

"Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit,"

Acts 5:29

²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men."

2 Corinthians 5:9

So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it.

TALK ABOUT IT!

1. What did you like about the verses?
2. What did you learn about God/Jesus?
3. What did you learn about people?
4. What are some things that "control" people today through addiction or obsession?
5. What does it mean to be filled with the Spirit?

POINT IT OUT!

- Godly convictions include committing to obey God even if it means standing alone for Jesus if necessary.

APPLY IT!

How will you apply the devo lesson this week?

"I will..."

PRAY FOR IT!

Dear Father, thank You for the strength that You give that we may persevere to live in a way that pleases You. Father, may You keep us away from activities that would cause us to be addicted or keep our focus away from You. If there is anything that controls us other than Your Spirit, forgive us as we surrender them to You. Give us the grace to replace our addictions, obsessions or unhealthy preoccupations with productive activities like reaching out to others with Your love. In Jesus' name, amen.

TEACH & TRAIN PART 2

Teach and train them to choose their friends and future spouse wisely.

READ IT!

1 Corinthians 15:33

Do not be deceived: "Bad company corrupts good morals."

Proverbs 31:10-12

Who can find a wife of noble character? For her value is far more than rubies. The heart of her husband has confidence in her, and he has no lack of gain. She brings him good and not evil all the days of her life.

2 Corinthians 6:14-15

Do not become partners with those who do not believe, for what partnership is there between righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship does light have with darkness? And what agreement does Christ have with Belial? Or what does a believer share in common with an unbeliever?

TALK ABOUT IT!

1. What did you like about the verses?
2. What did you learn about God/Jesus?
3. What did you learn about people?
4. What is the most important factor do you need to consider when choosing friends and future spouse?
5. What do you see is the role of your family/Dgroup in helping you choose friends and future spouse wisely?

POINT IT OUT!

- Teach family and Dgroup they need to choose friends and future spouse wisely. The people we spend the most time with will be the ones to influence us the most.
- A future spouse will impact your future for better or worse with long-term consequences. Seek your parents blessing before committing to a relationship or marriage.
- Prepare yourself to be the future spouse God wants you to be.

APPLY IT!

How will you apply the devo lesson this week?

"I will..."

PRAY FOR IT!

Dear Father, thank You that You have given us Your standards in the Bible on wisely choosing friends and our future spouse. Help me to humbly consider the godly counsel of my family and Dgroup family as well. I choose to trust in Your wisdom and guidance, knowing that You have my best interest at heart. Help me to develop into the person You want me to be, whether as a single enjoying godly friendships, or as a future spouse. By Your Spirit, enable me to be a Christlike influence not only to my family, but to my friends and future spouse as well. In Jesus' name I pray, amen.

Week 42

Motivate Principle:

TEACH & TRAIN PART 2

Teach others how to make wise use of their time.

READ IT!

Ephesians 5:15-17

Therefore be very careful how you live – not as unwise but as wise, taking advantage of every opportunity, because the days are evil. For this reason do not be foolish, but be wise by understanding what the Lord's will is.

Colossians 3:17

¹⁷Whatever you do in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father."

TALK ABOUT IT!

1. What did you like about the verses?
2. What did you learn about God/Jesus?
3. What did you learn about people?
4. How are you taking advantage of opportunities to do good to your family, Dgroup, friends and share Christ to others?
5. Do you have a regular and realistic schedule based on priorities -- God, health, family, work/school, ministry, recreation, etc.? How can you improve?

POINT IT OUT!

- Make wise choices in how we use our time according to God's will for us.

APPLY IT!

How will you apply the devo lesson this week?

"I will..."

PRAY FOR IT!

Dear Father, thank You that You give us many opportunities to make wise use of our time. Help us to make godly choices on how we use our time. Speak to us through Your Word each day, that we may understand what Your will is. Above all, teach us to love You that we would desire to honor You in every life stage we will be in. In Jesus' name, amen.

TEACH & TRAIN PART 2

Teach others to live to please God and not love the world.

READ IT!

2 Corinthians 5:9-10

So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it.¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

1 John 2:15

¹⁵Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them."

TALK ABOUT IT!

1. What did you like about the verses?
2. What did you learn about God/Jesus?
3. What did you learn about people?
4. How can you tell if you are living to please God?
5. What are some evidences that we love the world more than we love God?

POINT IT OUT!

- It is important for us to help our family and group to internalize conviction: on living to please God and not loving the world or things of the world.
- Convictions protect us from falling and making wrong choices

APPLY IT!

How will you apply the devo lesson this week?

"I will..."

PRAY FOR IT!

Dear Father, thank You for warning us against loving the world. Help us to be aware when we drift away from our love for You and become focused on other things. Give us an eternal perspective that we may learn to prioritize doing things that will build Your Kingdom. Teach us to consider our days with care so that we may live our lives to please You alone. Fill us with Your Spirit that we may avoid worldly habits especially those that may seem harmless. May we show our love for You in our words and deeds, and in the things that we choose to put first in our life. In Jesus' name, amen.

TEACH & TRAIN PART 2

Teach and train others to make a positive impact in the world for God.

READ IT!

Matthew 5:13-14,16

"You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its flavor, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled on by people. You are the light of the world. A city located on a hill cannot be hidden.

In the same way, let your light shine before people, so that they can see your good deeds and give honor to your Father in heaven.

Colossians 1:9-10

For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God,

TALK ABOUT IT!

1. What did you like about the verses?
2. What did you learn about God/Jesus?
3. What do you learn about people?
4. What action can you do that would make the most positive impact for God in your family right now? Think of this according to your role as spouse, parent, child or single adult.
5. In what ways can you shine the light of Jesus among your friends, co-workers, classmates at this time?

POINT IT OUT!

- Biblical convictions enable us to make pro-active choices that will help us shine as lights in dark places, and act as salt to preserve what is good in the world around us.

APPLY IT!

How will you apply the devo lesson this week?

"I will..."

PRAY FOR IT!

Dear Father, thank You for teaching us how to use the life You blessed us with to make a positive impact among family and friends. Lord, help us to persevere and to be proactive in living for You among our peers. Lord, teach to say "no" to worldly pressure and to live holy lives that will honor and glorify You. Help us to be shining lights and useful salt in our culture amidst the ungodly influence that surround us. In Jesus' name, amen.

Week 45

Motivate Principle:

ENTRUST

Only God can change a person's heart.

READ IT!

Ezekiel 36:26

"²⁶ I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh."

Jeremiah 24:7

"⁷ I will also give them a heart to know Me, for I am the LORD; and they will be My people, and I will be their God, for they will return to Me wholeheartedly."

TALK ABOUT IT!

1. What did you like about the verses?
2. What did you learn about God/Jesus?
3. What did you learn about people?
4. Do you regularly pray to the Lord to give a new heart and new spirit to loved ones and friends who do not share your faith in Christ? How can you improve?
5. In what ways are you training your family to partner with God's work in changing people's hearts? Do they know how to share and defend their faith in Christ? How can you improve?

POINT IT OUT!

- Train others how to use apologetics to defend their faith. Help them know why they believe.
- The Christian faith is not anti-intellectual; it can be investigated, studied and defended.
- Real faith is not blind faith.

APPLY IT!

How will you apply the devo lesson this week?

"I will..."

PRAY FOR IT!

Dear Father, thank You that we can entrust ourselves and our loved ones to You. Thank You that our faith in You is not blind faith. We praise You that Your word, the Bible, is reliable and filled with Your good promises for us. Thank You that as we walk in faith, we are guided and equipped to share Christ to others. Teach us to deeply place our confidence and faith in You that we in turn can effectively share why we believe what we believe about You to others. In Jesus' name, amen.

ENTRUST

Teach others why we can believe in Jesus.

READ IT!

1 Corinthians 15:3-5

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve.

Romans 1:4

“And who through the Spirit of holiness was appointed the Son of God in power by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.”

TALK ABOUT IT!

1. What did you like about the verses?
2. What did you learn about God/Jesus?
3. What did you learn about following Jesus?
4. What one word will you use to describe who Jesus is?
5. What is the importance of Jesus' resurrection to your faith in Him?

POINT IT OUT!

- The ultimate proof of the Bible that Jesus is God, is in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.
- Through His resurrection, Jesus affirmed the reliability of the Bible (fulfilled prophecies about Jesus' life, death, resurrection).

APPLY IT!

How will you apply the devo lesson this week?

“I will...”

PRAY FOR IT!

Dear Father, thank You that You sent Your Son, Jesus, for the forgiveness of our sin. Thank You that You kept true to Your promise regarding our redemption through the sacrifice of Christ on the Cross. Teach us to love Your Word and meditate on it daily that we may continually learn how to please You and live for You. By Your grace, help us to share Christ's love and forgiveness to those around us, and to love others the way Jesus loves us. May You continue to transform us and enable us to be obedient to Your word always. In Jesus' name, amen.

Week 47

Motivate Principle:

ENTRUST

Teach others about the sovereignty of God.

READ IT!

Psalm 135:6

The LORD does whatever pleases Him, in the heavens and on the earth, in the seas and all their depths.

Psalm 115:3

Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases.

Daniel 4:35

All the peoples of the earth are counted as nothing, and He does as He pleases with the army of heaven and the peoples of the earth. There is no one who can restrain His hand or say to Him, "What have You done?"

TALK ABOUT IT!

1. What did you like about the verses?
2. What did you learn about God/Jesus?
3. What did you learn about people?
4. What did you usually do when things spin out of control?
5. What areas of your life are you hesitant to fully surrender to the sovereignty of our Lord? Why?

POINT IT OUT!

- There is nothing out of God's control, nothing that God hasn't foreseen and planned.

APPLY IT!

How will you apply the devo lesson this week?

"I will..."

PRAY FOR IT!

Dear Father, thank You that we can take comfort and find confidence that no matter what happens around us You are still in control. We praise You that You are our Almighty Father who is sovereign above all, and that nothing takes You by surprise. By Your grace, teach us to surrender and trust that You know what's best for us. May we learn to entrust our struggles, concerns and challenges to You because You know what's best and will bring honor to Your name. Yes Lord, let Your will be done. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

Week 48

Motivate Principle:

ENTRUST

Teach others about the omniscience of God.

READ IT!

Psalm 139:2-4

"² You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. ³ You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely

Isaiah 44:9-10

"⁹ Remember the former things long past, For *I am God*, and there is no other; I am God, and there is no one like Me, ¹⁰ Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things which have not been done, Saying, 'My plan will be established, And I will accomplish all My good pleasure'".

TALK ABOUT IT!

1. What did you like about the verses?
2. What did you learn about God/Jesus?
3. What do you learn about people?
4. How does it make you feel to know that God knows everything about you?
5. Why is it important to entrust this truth about God's omniscience to our family and loved ones?

POINT IT OUT!

- God is all-knowing (omniscient) and knows what is best for us.
- God makes no mistakes and is not caught by surprise with anything that happens in our world.

APPLY IT!

How will you apply the devo lesson this week?

"I will..."

PRAY FOR IT!

Dear Father, thank You that in Your omniscience You chose us to be where we are at this moment. You created us, You know us best so we trust in Your will and plan for our lives. Thank You for Your grace that even though You know our past, and how we have sinned against You, You continue to work in us in the present and transform us through the Holy Spirit. Teach us to trust Your wisdom and help us to walk in faith everyday. In Jesus' name, amen.

Week 49

Motivate Principle:

ENTRUST

Teach others about the goodness of God.

READ IT!

Romans 8:28

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

James 1:17

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

Psalm 84:11b

No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.

TALK ABOUT IT!

1. What did you like about the verses?
2. What did you learn about God/Jesus?
3. What did you learn about people?
4. Do you believe that God has good plans for you? Why or why not?
5. In what way/s have you experienced God's goodness lately?

POINT IT OUT!

- God is perfect and not arbitrary, nor indifferent, and He promises to cause all that happens to us for our good.
- Not only does He know what is good for us, He is after our best interest.

APPLY IT!

How will you apply the devo lesson this week?

"I will..."

PRAY FOR IT!

Dear Father, we praise You for Your goodness in our lives. Thank You because we know You have good plans for us. Forgive us when we don't trust You and go on our own way. Help us to trust in You as we follow You daily knowing that in all things You work for the good of those who love You. Teach us to do what pleases You, and may we experience the blessing of Your presence as we walk in obedience to You. In Jesus' name, amen.

Week 50

Motivate Principle:

ENTRUST

Teach others that God is a faithful rewarder.

READ IT!

Hebrews 11:6

"And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him."

Proverbs 11:18

The wicked earns deceptive wages, but one who sows righteousness gets a sure reward.

TALK ABOUT IT!

1. What did you like about the verses?
2. What did you learn about God/Jesus?
3. What did you learn about people?
4. What are you seeking God for lately?
5. What do you think are some of the rewards that God gives to those who earnestly seek Him by faith?

POINT IT OUT!

- The faith that pleases God is the faith that believes He exists, and that He will reward those who seek Him.
- When difficult times come and circumstances become challenging we must choose to believe that God will turn things around and reward us.

APPLY IT!

How will you apply the devo lesson this week?

"I will..."

PRAY FOR IT!

Dear Father, thank You for the assurance that what we do for You is not in vain. Thank You for the promise that You are a rewarder of those who seek You. Teach us to seek You fervently that we may hear from You. Help us Lord to persevere especially when the going gets tough, knowing that Your presence goes before us and will help us accomplish what You want us to for Your glory. In Jesus' name, amen.

Week 51

Motivate Principle:

ENTRUST

Teach others that Jesus is the coming King and Judge.

READ IT!

Romans 14:11-12

"¹¹ It is written: 'As surely as I live,' says the Lord, every knee will bow before me; every tongue will acknowledge God."¹² So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God."

2 Corinthians 5:10

"¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive compensation for his deeds done through the body, in accordance with what he has done, whether good or bad."

TALK ABOUT IT!

1. What did you like about the verses?
2. What did you learn about God/Jesus?
3. What did you learn about people?
4. Have you personally experienced injustice in this world?
5. How does it makes you feel to know that Jesus is coming back as King and Judge?

POINT IT OUT!

- While justice here on earth is imperfect, we can rest in the assurance that when Jesus comes again, He will reign with perfect justice.

APPLY IT!

How will you apply the devo lesson this week?

"I will..."

PRAY FOR IT!

Dear Father, thank You for the comfort of Your promises. The justice of this world may be clouded and at times only leads to hopelessness. Yet we know our hope is only found in Jesus. Teach us to be ready for Jesus Christ's return. By Your grace, help us to faithfully live out Your righteous commands, and to persevere in our walk with Jesus in this broken world. May Your presence go before us as we share Your love and the truth of Your Word to those around us. In Your strength help us to live in hope as we await for Christ's return. In Jesus' name, amen.

Week 52

Motivate Principle:

ENTRUST

Teach others that Jesus has ultimate victory over the world.

READ IT!

John 16:33 (Jesus speaking)

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

2 Peter 1:3

"³ for His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence."

TALK ABOUT IT!

1. What did you like about these verses?
2. What did you learn about God/Jesus?
3. What did you learn about people?
4. Are there circumstances in your life today that make you feel defeated?
5. How does knowing that Jesus is our ultimate victor change the way you look at your situation?

POINT IT OUT!

- God has given us the supernatural capacity to overcome the world through Jesus' death and resurrection.
- With God, the best is yet to come, no matter what we face in life.

APPLY IT!

How will you apply the devo lesson this week?

"I will..."

PRAY FOR IT!

Dear Father, we praise You for being our Almighty God. Thank You for the victory that we have in Jesus and the hope that this brings us. Forgive us when we live defeated lives because we forget to live a life dependent on You. May our lives speak of Your goodness and the victory we have in Jesus. May what others see in us draw them to the Prince of Peace. Teach us to find our joy and completeness in You no matter our circumstances. In Jesus' name, amen.



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