

Daily Verses

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January 1

In Christ are all the resources we need.

Isaiah 40:31 'But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles;'

In Christ are all the resources we need to rise above the difficulties.
We are united with His life;
filled with His love;
and empowered by His Spirit.
His joy remains steadfast within us.
He lifts us to the heights where we trust in His promises;
rely on His strength;
and rest in His care.

January 2

Jesus came to give His people a new heart.

Deuteronomy 5:29 'O that there were such a heart in them, that they would fear Me, and always keep all My commandments,'

The law could never change the heart; obedience was not enough.
The Lord longed for a people who could feel what He feels and love what He loves.
Jesus came to give His people a new heart.
In Christ we are made completely new
so we can feel what He feels;
love as He loves;
and desire all that He desires.

January 3

The church is not hierarchical, it is reproductive.

Numbers 11:29 'O that all the LORD'S people were prophets, and that the LORD would put His Spirit upon them!'

The church is not hierarchical, it is reproductive.
In Christ we are one body;
His life dwells in us;
His Spirit has been given to us.
The Christian life is exciting because we are priests unto God.
Our life is an offering of love to the Lord.
The Spirit of God is a river of life
that flows out to others through His body.

January 4

If we follow the world we will think like the world.

Philippians 1:15 'Some indeed preach Christ even of envy and strife; and some also of good will.'

If we follow the world we will think like the world.
Selfish ambitions can motivate us even when preaching Christ.
Pride will promote self;
but humility sacrifices itself to lift others up.
When we love Christ then
our desire will be to please Him regardless of the cost;
our joy will be in knowing we are in His will.

January 5

The Lord looks for faithfulness.

2 Chronicles 16:9 'For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is perfect towards Him.'

The Lord sees the needs of His people.
In Christ all the promises of God are ours.
If we walk in His ways and trust in His word;
He will show His strength on our behalf.
His love towards us never changes;
His presence with us removes all fear.

January 6

Tested so we can grow in grace.

2 Chronicles 32:31 'God withdrew from him, to try him, that He might know all that was in his heart.'

The life of Christ dwells in His people.
His word guides us; and His Spirit leads us.
The Lord will never leave us.
He allows us to be tested so we can grow in grace.
He strengthens us in the trial.
He does not lead us with an iron rod.
He teaches us daily to love Him;
to obey His word;
and to listen to His voice.

January 7

Love for Christ develops out of relationship.

Psalm 31:23 'O love the LORD, all you His saints: for the LORD preserves the faithful, and plentifully rewards the proud doer.'

Love for Christ develops out of relationship.
As we grow in His word;
and walk in His love;
we will learn to love Him more.
If we love Him we will
be willing to take the lowest place;
be faithful in serving Him;
and love others as He loved us.
Pride puts self on the throne of our life;
but love for Christ lays its life down for Him.

January 8

We are dependent upon the Holy Spirit.

Zechariah 4:6 'Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, says the LORD of hosts.'

The Christian life is entirely the work of the Holy Spirit.
We are dependent upon Him.
Only the Holy Spirit can produce new life in Christ.
Freedom in Christ is being led by the Holy Spirit.
The way of holiness is growing in truth
so the fruit of the Spirit is seen in us.
Effective prayer must be in the Holy Spirit.
The gifts of the Spirit are given to us
so we can move in the power of the Holy Spirit.

January 9

Maturity in Christ.

1 John 2:14 'I have written unto you, fathers, because you have known Him who is from the beginning.'

Maturity in the Christian life is seen by
wisdom that knows how to act;
peace that rests in His provision;
trust that stands upon His word;
and compassion that reaches out to those who need Christ.
Knowing Him is to be united with Him in intimate relationship.
It is to know His character;
to rejoice in His goodness;
and to speak with Him as a friend in close communion.

January 10

A servant is to be trustworthy; loyal; faithful; and obedient.

Colossians 3:24 'Knowing that of the Lord you shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for you serve the Lord Christ.'

A servant is to be trustworthy; loyal; faithful; and obedient.
A trustworthy servant can be depended upon at all times.
Loyalty endures hardship;
faithfulness serves without self interest;
obedience does not seek an easier path.
Our love for Christ will be seen by our joy in serving Him;
and by the extent that we are willing to share His love to others.

January 11

The most important duty; greatest privilege; and highest call.

1 Corinthians 7:23 'You are bought with a price; do not become the servants of men.'

No higher price could be paid.
Jesus gave all for us so that we can be His people.
We are set free in Christ to be the children of the living God.
We do not have the mentality of a slave;
we have the responsibility of being His servants.
We serve others with diligence because we serve the King;
everything we do represents Him.
This is the most important duty;
the greatest privilege;
and the highest call.

January 12

The standard we are to live by is Christ.

James 2:12 'So speak, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty.'

The standard we are to live by is Christ.
We stand in the liberty He gives.
It is His life dwelling in us.
We live by the power of God and not in our own strength.
We are set free from the anxiety of the world by the promises of God.
We are free to love others because Christ loved us;
free to show mercy because He has forgiven us.
We are stewards of His love; and the ambassadors of His word.

January 13

A better covenant.

Hebrews 8:6 '...He is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.'

The old covenant could never produce holiness.
It could not change the heart.
The new covenant removes our guilt;
wipes away all our sin;
makes us completely new;
brings us into a family relationship with God;
puts a new heart within us;
and gives to us the inheritance of all the promises of God.
Jesus has done everything for us.
We can only receive the benefits He gives;
we can do nothing to earn them.