

Bible Teaching Program
Daily verses

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October 1

If we are faithful in prayer, the Lord will be faithful to answer.

Colossians 4:12 'Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, salutes you, always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that you may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.'

If we are faithful in prayer, the Lord will be faithful to answer.
Prayer links our responsibility with the sovereign work of God.
We are in a spiritual warfare.
It is only through prayer
that the power of God will be seen working in our life
and in the lives of others.
It is the love of Christ in us that will lead us to pray for one another.
If we desire to see others built up in Christ
then we need to ensure that we pray fervently for them.

October 2

God can never condone sin; He is holy and He must judge sin.

Hebrews 13:4 'Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.'

Standards are not determined by political correctness.
There is right and wrong.
Marriage is the union of one man and one woman.
The Lord will not allow sin to go unpunished.
Sexual immorality will be judged.
But God is gracious and with open arms He longs for all to come to Him.
God can never condone sin; He is holy and He must judge sin.
But Jesus faced the wrath of God for us.
He died and rose again for us so that we can pass from judgment to life.
His love gave all for us.
But His love must be received through
repentance from sin and faith in Christ.

October 3

The Holy Spirit brings life through the implanted word.

John 6:63 'It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.'

The words of Jesus must dwell in us.
The gospel is more than doctrine; it is life.
The Holy Spirit will cause the implanted word to bring forth life within us.
If we are doing works to find life then it will profit us nothing.
All the good works in the world cannot bring peace to the heart;
no sacrificial act can bring the joy of forgiveness;
and no act of penitence can bring us into new life.
The Holy Spirit is able to bring a person into new life
when the word of God is implanted in his or her heart.

October 4

Our faith in Christ must be tested.

2 Corinthians 8:2 'How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality.'

It is when we are under pressure from difficult circumstances
that who we are in Christ is most clearly seen.
Our faith in Christ must be tested.
If we desire the comforts of the world more than Christ
then we will not stand in hard times.
The amount we love Christ will be evident
when we worship Him in all circumstances.
In difficult times we can worship
with the joy He has given us because Christ is our life.
In times of financial hardship we can worship
because our riches are in Christ and not in the prosperity of the world.

October 5

We do not fight with the weapons of the world.

2 Corinthians 10:3 'For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:'

We do not fight with the weapons of the world.
The hatred of the world is overcome by the love of Christ in us.
Our weaknesses become strengths
when we depend upon Christ and not in ourselves.
We break down barriers by the love of Christ working through us.
We overcome wrongs done against us with forgiveness.
We overcome evil when we lay aside the armoury of self-exaltation
and take up the armour of God.
We overcome anxiety by depending upon the promises of God.
We do not fret as the world because our God answers prayer.
We overcome sin by putting on Christ and walking in His righteousness.

October 6

We can depend upon His resources.

Philippians 4:19 'But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.'

We can depend upon His resources.
In Christ we have everything.
We are united with His life
and brought into family relationship with the living God.
Our riches are not the temporal possessions of the world
but the life of Christ dwelling in us.
We can stand when others fall because His character works in us.
We need fear no circumstance
because the Holy Spirit leads and strengthens us in every situation.
There is nothing the Lord will not do for His people.
Our inheritance is in Christ;
our assurance is in His word;
our security is in His provision,
and our riches are the greatness of His love towards us.

October 7

Another Jesus; another spirit; another gospel.

2 Corinthians 11:4 'For if he that comes preaches another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if you receive another spirit, which you have not received, or another gospel, which you have not accepted, you might well bear with him.'

Another Jesus cannot bring life;
another spirit will never change the heart;
and another gospel cannot give an assurance of salvation.
Truth is found in Jesus Christ alone.
We know we are in the truth because Christ is our life;
the Holy Spirit dwells in us; and we have experienced personally
that the gospel is the power of God unto salvation.
Truth must by nature separate us from error.
If we love truth then we must let go of pretence
and trust in Jesus Christ alone.

October 8

The peace that only Jesus gives.

John 14:27 'Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you: not as the world gives, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.'

The world can never understand the peace we have in Jesus.
The peace that Jesus gives
is the peace of knowing that we are in right relationship with God;
we are righteous in Him.

It is the peace of knowing He is always with us;
He has promised He will never leave us.
It is the peace of knowing we belong to Him;
we are one with Christ and part of the family of God.
It is the peace of knowing our future is secure;
we shall see Jesus face to face.

October 9

The mystery of godliness.

1 Timothy 3:16 'And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.'

The Son of God became Man in order to reach us;
sinless yet He died for us.
He was crucified in weakness but raised in power;
we are justified in Him.
The angels did not understand the plan and purpose of God
until they saw Him conquer death and the grave for us.
The offer of salvation is given to all through the gospel.
Everyone who trusts in Him will have eternal life.
He ascended far above all powers for us
so we in Him are blessed with all spiritual blessings.

October 10

Faith never lets go.

Matthew 7:7 'Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.'

Faith never lets go.
We are to ask and keep on asking until we receive;
we are to seek and keep on seeking until we find;
we are to knock and keep on knocking
until the door is opened unto us.
The Holy Spirit leads us to ask in prayer;
love for Jesus puts in us the desire to seek Him with all our heart;
and it is because we are sons and daughters of the living God
that we can boldly enter the throne room of God.
It is with the promises of God
that we knock with great confidence on the door of answered prayer.

October 11

It is in Christ alone that we find rest.

Matthew 11:28 'Come unto me, all you that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.'

The call is to come to Jesus.
It is in Christ alone that we find rest.
He has done all for us.
His provision for us is all we need.
He removes our weariness
when we rely upon His strength and not our own.
He removes our burdens
by bringing us into the freedom of new life in Him.
He unites us with others who have new life in Jesus
so that His love, His joy, His peace can be seen in us.
When we who represent Him, present a living Jesus to the world,
then many who need to come to Him
will be drawn to Him because they see Jesus in us.

October 12

All of scripture is the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Luke 24:27 'And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, He expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning Himself.'

All of scripture is the revelation of Jesus Christ.
He is the promised Redeemer of the Old Testament;
our wonderful Saviour and glorious Lord in the New Testament.
All who love Jesus will love His word.
We feed upon Christ through His word;
He is our food and drink.
We know His life dwells in us
because the more His word fills our heart and mind,
the more we desire His presence in our life.
When we see Jesus in His word
then His word will be like a fire within us.
His word brings great joy because Christ is alive in us.

October 13

The light of the gospel must shine through the scriptures.

2 Corinthians 3:15-16 'But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the veil is upon their heart. Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the veil shall be taken away.'

The light of the gospel will be blocked
if we put the law in the forefront.
The beautiful colours of the light of the gospel are only revealed
when we allow the light of the gospel
to shine through all the scriptures.
There is a gravitational pull of the Old Testament.

It seeks to pull us away from the freedom of new life in Christ
into a legalistic form of religion that can never produce righteousness.
When the light of the gospel shines in the scriptures
then freedom, joy, and peace can be found in Jesus Christ.