

Gustuctions

From December 1st-25th, read through one page each day. While December is a busy time when we purchase and wrap gifts, decorate our homes, and plan family events, we should make time to study God's word and find joy in Christ during the Christmas season.

Day 1

Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

Joshua 1:9

What a blessing it is to know that the Lord of all will be with us no matter where we go. He is with us through the good and bad, happy and sad. We can be strong and courageous in this promise.



Day 2

This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24

The Lord made this day, and He has a purpose for every single day. We are alive and able to read this, so we should rejoice and be glad for what God has given us. Even when difficult things come our way, we can rest in the joy that He is in charge of everything.



Day 3

These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

John 16:33

Jesus Christ is not dead. He is alive and well! Jesus has already won the battle. While difficulties will come our way on this earth, we know that Christ has ultimately defeated death. We can be cheerful, because we know He has overcome the world.



Day 4

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

John 1:14

Jesus Christ came to earth as a man to live so that He could die for our sins. His glory is far beyond that of any other being – past, present, or future. Jesus Christ is full of grace and truth. He does not lie, and He shows us mercy every single time we fail Him.



For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6

Jesus is The everlasting Father. He is The Prince of Peace. He is Wonderful. He was sent to us by God the Father so that we could have a home in heaven someday. What a gift! There is no other gift that can compare.



For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

God sent His only begotten son to live on earth. Why? He wanted us to have the opportunity to live forever with Him in heaven. Can you even imagine sending your child to die for a bunch of sinful people? What love God has shown us!



Day 7

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

Philippians 4:13

Do you ever feel weak? I know I often feel weak and incapable of greatness. Yet, there is nothing we can't do with the help of Christ. We must simply ask and seek His will. What a comfort to know we can do all things through Him!



And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28

This world is full of sin and heartache. Many things happen that cause us pain and sadness. Yet, we know that God works everything together for good. He knows why we face things even when we don't understand. He is always looking out for those who love Him.



And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you.

John 16:22

Due to the nature of this sinful world, times of sorrow will come. However, we can have joy through Jesus Christ. No man can take your joy away when your joy is found in Christ. Let us rejoice at his great promises!



Day 10

A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones.

Proverbs 17:22

Our emotions affect so much more than just our mental state. They affect our relationships and even our physical health. A joyful heart really helps us like medicine. We should remember this and try to focus on our many blessings. This will improve everything about our lives.



And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

I John 5:11

There is so much fear surrounding death. The unknown can be frightening. But we don't have to be afraid. God has given us a free ticket to eternal life. This life is in God's son, Jesus. He came to earth, lived a sinless life, and was crucified so we can live forever. Now, that's something to be cheerful about!



Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

Romans 15:13

When we look at the world, we can often feel hopeless. But God will fill you with joy and peace. He will give you hope through the power of the Holy Spirit. We can trust that there is always hope in our Lord.



Day 13

Delight thyself also in the Lord: and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

Psalm 37:4

Considering what the Lord has done and continues to do for us every single day, we should delight in Him. When we do this, He will give us the desires of our heart. We should make sure these desires are according to His will.



Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

Psalm 16:11

Although some of David's Psalms were laments, this one is rejoicing. David knew that God will show us His will if we are willing to receive it. He also recognized that following God provides joy and pleasure.



Day 15

The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him.

Psalm 28:7

The Lord protects, helps, and strengthens us. We should praise Him for all the good things He does for us. We have so many reasons to be full of cheer. We can trust in the Lord's goodness.



Day 16

But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:19

God promised to supply all of our needs. We may want a new car or new house, but those may not be needs. As long as we trust in God, He will not let us starve. He is our protector and is not selfish with His riches. He blesses us abundantly!



And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

Revelation 21:4

This verse is a beautiful depiction of heaven. There is no death, no tears, no sorrow, no pain. Earthly pain and destruction is no more. Heaven is a perfect place where we can have everlasting joy and peace. What a blessing!



Day 18

My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

James 1:2-3

When troubles come and our faith is tried, we can know it isn't for nothing. Trying times help us learn the virtue of patience. When we exercise patience, we are more like Christ.



Day 19

O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him

Psalm 34:8

The Lord is good, oh so good. Nothing can compare to Him. This verse says the man who trusts in the Lord is blessed. How wonderful to know that despite our sinful nature, the Lord is so very good to us.



Day 20

And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:7

We may seek peace in many places, but true peace can only come from God. This is ultimate peace that surpasses all understanding. If we will trust in Christ, we can have this peace.



Day 21

He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

Micah 6:8

This is one of my favorite verses. It is so simple, yet holds so much meaning. The Lord wants three things from us: do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with God. It's so simple, but so important to a Christian's life. Let's do our best to follow God's desires and do what is good..



Day 22

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

Jeremiah 29:11

Sometimes we are punished for our sin. Sometimes our prayers are not answered as we had hoped. Yet, the Lord does not think evil thoughts toward us. He has thoughts of peace and wants us to accept Him so we can live forever in heaven.



Day 23

He that handleth a matter wisely shall find good: and whoso trusteth in the Lord, happy is he.

Proverbs 16:20

God's word shows us so many ways to find goodness and joy. When we use wisdom in our dealings, we will find good. When we trust in the Lord, we are happy because we know His way is the best way.



But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.

1 Timothy 6:6-8

When we leave this world, we can take nothing with us. The things that matter most are spiritual. We achieve great gain when we are godly and find contentment in Jesus Christ. Let's remember to be content no matter what Christmas day and all the days after bring.



Day 25

And also that every man should eat and drink, and enjoy the good of all his labour, it is the gift of God.

Ecclesiastes 3:13

Merry Christmas! Today is a day for you to eat, drink, and enjoy everything your hard work has brought you. God gave you the ability to work, a job to do, a family to love, and supplies your needs. Praise Him for all His blessings, and enjoy this truly special day.



I really hope you enjoyed "25 Days of Christmas Cheer"! You can read all about my approach to simple living on my website at sierrassimplehome.com.

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Jhank you

May you have a blessed Christmas!