

Purpose Driven Life – NIV references Day 22-28

Day 22: Title: Created to become like Christ

**Biblical
References:**

- Rom 8:29 For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.
- Gen 1:26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness..."
- 2 Cor 4:4 The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.
- Col 1:15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.
- Heb 1:3a The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word.
- Eph 4:24 put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.
- Gen 3:5 For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.
- Eph 4:22 You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires
- Gal 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.
- 2 Pet 1:5-7 For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love.
- John 10:10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.
- 2 Cor 3:18 And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed

- into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord,
who is the Spirit.
- Phil 2:13 for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.
- 1 Kings 19:12 After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper.
- Col 1:27 To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is: **Christ in you, the hope of glory.**
- Luke 13:24 **Make every effort** to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to.
- Rom 14:19 Let us therefore **make every effort** to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.
- Eph 4:3 **Make every effort** to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.
- 2 Tim 2:15 **Do your best** to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.
- Heb 4:11 Let us, therefore, **make every effort** to enter that rest, so that no-one will fall by following their example of disobedience.
- Heb 12:14 **Make every effort** to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness no-one will see the Lord.
- 2 Pet 3:14 So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, **make every effort** to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him.
- Eph 4:23 ... to be made new in the attitude of your minds
- Rom 12:2 Do not conform any longer 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.
- Eph 4:13 ... until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fulness of Christ.
- 1 John 3:2 Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be

like him,
for we shall see him as he is.

1 Cor 10:31 So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

1 Cor 16:14 Do everything in love.

Col 3:17, 23 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him... Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men

Day 23: Title: How we grow

Biblical References:

Eph 4:14-15 Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ.

Matt 9:9 As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. Follow me, he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

2 Pet 3:11 Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be?
You ought to live holy and godly lives

Phil 2:12-13 Therefore, my dear friends... continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.

Prov 4:23 Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.

Rom 12:2b ... 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.

Eph 4:22-23 ... put off your old self to be made new in the attitude of your minds

Phil 2:5 Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus

1 Cor 14:20 Brothers, stop thinking like children. In regard to evil be infants, but in your thinking be adults.

Rom 8:5 Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.

1 Cor 13:11 When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me.

Rom 15:2-3 Each of us should please his neighbour for his good, to build him up. For even Christ did not please himself...

1 Cor 2:12 We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us.

Day 24: Title Transformed by the truth

**Biblical
References:**

Matt 4:4 It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

Acts 20:32 Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

John 17:17 Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.

2 Tim 3:17 so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Heb 4:12 For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

Acts 7:38 He was in the assembly in the desert, with the angel who spoke to him on Mount Sinai, and with our fathers; and he received living words to pass on to us.

1 Pet 1:23 For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.

John 6:63 The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.

James 1:18 He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

Job 23:12 I have not departed from the commands of his lips; I have treasured the words of his mouth more than my daily bread.

1 Pet 2:2 Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation

1 Cor 3:2 I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready.

Ps 119:103 How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

John 8:31 To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples.

Prov 30:5 Every word of God is flawless; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.

2 Tim 3:16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness

Acts 24:14 However, I admit that I worship the God of our fathers as a follower of the Way, which they call a sect. I believe everything that agrees with the Law and that is written in the Prophets

Luke 8:18 Therefore consider carefully how you listen. Whoever has will be given more; whoever does not have, even what he thinks he has will be taken from him.

James 1:21 Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent, and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

Deut 17:19 It is to be with him, and he is to read it all the days of his life so that he may learn to revere the LORD his God and follow carefully all the words of this law and these decrees

James 1:25 But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it—he will be blessed in what he does.

Ps 119:11 I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

Ps 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

Ps 119:
49-50 Remember your word to your servant, for you have given me hope.
My comfort in my suffering is this: Your promise preserves my life.

Jer
15:16 When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart's
delight,
for I bear your name, O LORD God Almighty.

Prov
22:18 for it is pleasing when you keep them in your heart and have all of
them ready
on your lips.

1 Pet
3:15 But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to
give an
answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope
that you have.
But do this with gentleness and respect,

Col 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish
one another
with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs
with
gratitude in your hearts to God.

2 Cor
3:18 And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being
transformed
into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the
Lord, who is the Spirit.

Acts
13:22 After removing Saul, he made David their king. He testified
concerning him:
I have found David son of Jesse a man after my own heart; he will do
everything
I want him to do.'

Ps
119:97 Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long.

John
15:7 If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you
wish,
and it will be given you.

Josh 1:8 Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on
it day
and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it.
Then you will be prosperous and successful.

Ps 1:2-3 But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates
day and night.
He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in
season
and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.

James
1:22 Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what
it says.

Matt
7:24 Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them
into practice

is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

John
13:17 Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

Day 25: Title: Transformed by trouble

**Biblical
References:**

John
16:33 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.

1 Pet
4:12 Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you.

Ps 34:18 The LORD is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

Gen
39:20-22 ... while Joseph was there in the prison, the LORD was with him; he showed him kindness and granted him favour in the eyes of the prison warder. So the warder put Joseph in charge of all those held in the prison, and he was made responsible for all that was done there.

Dan 6:
22a My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight.

2 Cor
11:25 Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea

Jer 38:6 So they took Jeremiah and put him into the cistern of Malkijah, the king's son, which was in the courtyard of the guard. They lowered Jeremiah by ropes into the cistern; it had no water in it, only mud, and Jeremiah sank down into the mud.

2 Cor
1:9 Indeed, in our hearts we felt the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead.

Ps
139:16 your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

Rom
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.

Matt
6:10 your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Rom 5:3-4	Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.
1 Pet 1:7	These have come so that your faith— of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire— may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed.
James 1:3	because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance.
Heb 5:8-9	Although he was a son, he learned obedience from what he suffered and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him
Rom 8:17	Now if we are children, then we are heirs— heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.
Jer 29:11	For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.
Gen 50:20	You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.
Is 38:17	Surely it was for my benefit that I suffered such anguish. In your love you kept me from the pit of destruction; you have put all my sins behind your back.
Heb 12:10	Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness.
Heb 12:2	Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.
Heb 11:26	He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward.
2 Cor 4:17	For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.
1 Thess 5:18	give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
Phil 4:4	Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

Luke 6:29 Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven.
For that is how their fathers treated the prophets.

James 1:4 Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete,
not lacking anything.

Heb 10:36 You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God,
you will receive what he has promised.

Day 26: Title: Growing through temptation

**Biblical
References:**

Gal 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness,
goodness,
faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is
no law.

2 Cor 2:11 ... in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of
his schemes.

Mark 7:21-23 For from within, out of men's hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual
immorality,
theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy,
slander,
arrogance and folly. All these evils come from inside and make a
man 'unclean.'

James 4:1 What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from
your desires that battle within you?

Heb 3:12 See to it, brothers, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart
that
turns away from the living God.

John 8:44 You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your
father's
desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the
truth, for
there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language,
for he is a liar and the father of lies.

James 1:14-16 but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged
away
and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin;
and sin,
when it is full-grown, gives birth to death. Don't be deceived, my dear
brothers.

1 Cor 10:13 No temptation has seized you except what is common to man.
And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you
can bear.

But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.

Heb 4:15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin.

1 Pet 5:8 Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

Matt 26:41 Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak.

Eph 6:13 ... put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground

1 Thess 5:6,8 So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be alert and self-controlled, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet.

1 Pet 1:13 Therefore, prepare your minds for action.

1 Pet 4:7 ... be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray.

Eph 4:27 do not give the devil a foothold.

Prov 4:26-27 Make level paths for your feet, and take only ways that are firm. Do not swerve to the right or the left; keep your foot from evil.

Prov 16:17 The highway of the upright avoids evil; he who guards his way guards his life.

Ps 50:15 call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor me.

Heb 4:16 Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

James 1:12 Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.

Day 27: Title: Defeating temptation

Biblical References:

2 Tim Flee the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love

2:22 and peace,
along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

James 4:7 Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Job 31:1 I made a covenant with my eyes not to look lustfully at a girl.

Ps 119:37 Turn my eyes away from worthless things; preserve my life according to your word.

Rom 12:21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Heb 3:1 Therefore, holy brothers, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, the apostle and high priest whom we confess.

2 Tim 2:8 Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David.

Phil 4:8 Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable— if anything is excellent or praiseworthy— think about such things.

Prov 4:23 Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.

2 Cor 10:5 We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

Eccles 4:9-10 Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work:
If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no-one to help him up!

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 man is powerful and effective.

1 Cor 10:13 No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.

Rom 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God

James 4:6 But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.

Eph 6:17 Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Jer 17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?

Prov 14:16 For they cannot sleep till they do evil; they are robbed of slumber till they make someone fall.

1 Cor 10:12 So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall!

Day 28: Title: It takes time

Biblical References:

Phil 1:6 being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Eph 4:13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fulness of Christ.

Col 3:10 and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.

2 Cor 3:18 And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

Deut 7:22 The LORD your God will drive out those nations before you, little by little. You will not be allowed to eliminate them all at once, or the wild animals will multiply around you.

Rom 13:12 The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armour of light.

Eph 4:22, 24 You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

1 Tim 4:15 Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress.

Eccles 3:1 There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven

Ps
102:18 Let this be written for a future generation, that a people not yet
created may
praise the LORD

2 Tim
3:14 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become
convinced of,
because you know those from whom you learned it,

Heb 2;1 We must pay more careful attention, therefore, to what we have
heard, so that
we do not drift away.

James
1:4 Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and
complete,
not lacking anything.

Hab 2:3 For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and
will not
prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will
not delay.