

# 5 Day Devotional

## Day 1: Seeking First the Kingdom

As we prepare for the new year, it's essential to reflect on our priorities and ensure that God remains at the center of our lives. Matthew 6:33 teaches us to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, promising that all our needs will be met. This message emphasizes the importance of prioritizing God's kingdom in every decision, whether it's about marriage, career, or daily choices. By keeping God at the center, we align our actions with His will and trust in His provision. Practical steps include evaluating our priorities, consulting God in decisions, and simplifying our lives to avoid distractions from materialism. As we move into 2025, let's commit to seeking God's kingdom first and experience spiritual growth and deeper commitment to God.

**Bible Verse:** 'But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.' - Matthew 6:33

**Reflection Question:** What areas of your life need realignment to ensure that God is at the center?

**Quote:** 'Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.'

**Prayer:** Lord, help me to seek Your kingdom first in all areas of my life. Guide my decisions and priorities so that they align with Your will. Amen.

## Day 2: Keeping God at the Center

Keeping God at the center of your life means your starting point of everything that you do begins with God. This principle is crucial as it ensures that our actions and decisions are aligned with His will. When we prioritize God's concerns over our own, we find that our lives are more fulfilling and purpose-driven. Reflect on how you spend your time, treat your spouse, train your children, work on the job, and love your neighbor. Are these actions centered around God? If not, it's time to make a change.

**Bible Verse:** 'This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is

written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.' - Joshua 1:8

**Reflection Question:** How can you start each day with God at the center of your decisions and actions?

**Quote:** 'Keeping God at the center of your life means your starting point of everything that you do begins with God.'

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, help me to keep You at the center of my life. May my actions and decisions reflect Your will and bring glory to Your name. Amen.

### **Day 3: Simplifying Your Life**

A principle of discipleship is living a simple life. Jesus wasn't trying to purchase a bunch of stuff. Instead, He focused on His mission and purpose. Material things can easily become the center of our lives, distracting us from our spiritual goals. Reflect on your possessions and lifestyle. Are they helping you grow closer to God, or are they distractions? Simplifying your life can help you focus more on your relationship with God and less on the temporal things of this world.

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**Reflection Question:** What material possessions or habits can you let go of to simplify your life and focus more on God?

**Quote:** 'A principle of discipleship is living a simple life.'

**Prayer:** Lord, help me to live a simple life that is focused on You. Remove any distractions that keep me from growing closer to You. Amen.

### **Day 4: Evaluating Your Priorities**

Temporal things of life can become the center of your life. And every decision you make or action you take comes from your desire for the temporal things of this world. It's crucial to evaluate your priorities regularly. Are you more focused on material success than spiritual growth? Prosperity is never going to make you look more spiritual. Instead, lay up your treasures in heaven by prioritizing God's

principles for living. Reflect on your daily activities and ask yourself if they align with God's will.

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**Reflection Question:** How can you shift your focus from temporal things to spiritual growth?

**Quote:** 'Temporal things of life can become the center of your life. And every decision you make or action you take comes from your desire for the temporal things of this world.'

**Prayer:** Father, help me to evaluate my priorities and focus on what truly matters. Guide me to lay up treasures in heaven and live according to Your principles. Amen.

### **Day 5: Trusting in God's Provision**

When you keep God the center of your decisions, you cannot go wrong. Trusting in God's provision means believing that He will meet all your needs as you seek His kingdom first. Reflect on how you spend your time, treat your spouse, train your children, work on the job, love your neighbor, and spend your money. Are these actions demonstrating your trust in God's provision? As you move into the new year, commit to seeking God's kingdom first and trust that He will provide for all your needs.

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**Reflection Question:** In what areas of your life do you need to trust more in God's provision?

**Quote:** 'If you keep God the center of your decisions, you cannot go wrong.'

**Prayer:** Lord, help me to trust in Your provision and seek Your kingdom first. May my actions reflect my faith in You and Your promises. Amen.

