

## ***Developing Passionate Devotion***

New Life Lessons  
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**Day One – Read John 17:3.** When you think of the best life possible, what comes to mind? How has knowing God and Jesus made life better for you? Write down some ways:

**Pray** - Thank God for changing your life by revealing his love, power, grace and mercy to you. Ask that you will come to know him better and that your entire life would flow from His life in you.

**Day Two – Read Luke 9:23-24.** Do you want to “follow” Jesus today? ***Really?*** What “selfish ways” do you need to turn from? What does the cross of self-surrender represent for you today? What part of *your* will are you willing to surrender to really know and do *His* will?

**Pray** – Thank Jesus for his call on your life. Ask him to forgive you for your divided heart and distracted devotion and give yourself again, afresh to him now. Ask him to come and reign in you and through you today.

**Day Three – Read Luke 9:37-56.** Being on the Mount of Transfiguration and seeing Jesus in his glory, speaking with Moses and Elijah must have been overwhelming. The Father told Peter to listen, not speak. When we encounter the glory of God, sense his presence and see his work, we need to listen to what God wants to say to us. Peter was more comfortable with speaking than listening. How about you?

**Pray** – Ask our Heavenly Father to reveal the glory of his son, Jesus Christ to you. Listen to what he says through his Word, and the voice of his Spirit. Are your spiritual eyes open?

## ***“Passionate Devotion”***

*Becoming the People God Wants Us to Be #1*

John 17:3; Luke 9:1-37

**John 17:3** (NLT) <sup>3</sup> And this is the way to have **eternal life**—to **know you**, the **only true God**, and **Jesus Christ**, the one you **sent to earth**.  
John 1:1-5, 9, 14: 10:10, 30

## ***What is “Devotion?”***

### ***Passionate Devotion***

*We want to be people who are not just redeemed from our sin, but who live in relationship with our Savior - people who are passionately devoted to knowing, loving, and serving Jesus Christ.*

*This will mean developing spiritual disciplines and practices that both foster and express passionate devotion to Jesus Christ.*

*More than lifeless compliance to religious rules, we seek holiness in life that naturally flows from a heart that is being transformed by the amazing grace of God.*

## ***Developing Passionate Devotion***

### ***1. It Begins with a Response .***

**Luke 9:1a** (NLT) <sup>1</sup> One day Jesus **called**... Titus 2:11; John 2:21

**Come & See**  
Matthew 4:19-20

**Trust & Believe**  
Luke 5:1-11

**Go & Do**  
Luke 9:1-6

**John 1:12** (NLT) <sup>12</sup> But **to all** who **believed him** and **accepted him**, he **gave the right** to **become children of God**.  
John 3:5-6; Acts 2:38

## 2. It Grows with Challenges .

**Luke 9:13** (NLT) <sup>13</sup> Jesus said, “**You feed them.**” “**But we have only five loaves of bread and two fish,**” they answered. “**Or are you expecting us to go and buy enough food for this whole crowd?**” Mark 9:23b; Psalm 34:8; 1 Peter 2:3; Romans 8:28, 37

**Romans 8:28, 37** (NLT) <sup>28</sup> We know that **God causes everything to work together for the good** of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. <sup>37</sup> **Despite** all these things, **overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.** Romans 5:2b-5

## 3. It Deepens with Understanding .

**Luke 9:18, 20** (NLT) <sup>18</sup> One day Jesus left the crowds to pray alone. Only his disciples were with him, and he asked them, “**Who do people say I am?**” <sup>20</sup> Then he asked them, “But who do **you** say I am?” Peter replied, “**You are the Messiah sent from God!**”

- **The Incarnate Word of God** John 1:1-2; Psalm 19
- **The Promised Messiah** Isaiah 53:5-6; John 4:26
- **The Lamb of God** Exodus 12:7; John 1:29
- **The Son of Man** Matthew 20:28; Daniel 7:13-14
- **The Coming King** Matthew 25:31-32a; Revelation 19:11; 21:1-7

**Ephesians 1:18-19a** (NIV) <sup>18</sup> I pray also that **the eyes of your heart may be enlightened** in order that you may know **the hope** to which he has called you, **the riches** of his glorious inheritance in the saints, <sup>19a</sup> and his incomparably great **power** for us who **believe**.

## 4. It Costs Us Our Lives .

**Luke 9:23-24** (NLT) <sup>23</sup> Then Jesus said to the crowd, “**If any of you wants to be my follower, you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross daily, and follow me.**” <sup>24</sup> If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it. Romans 12:1-2

## 5. It Increases our Vision .

**Luke 9:28-29** (NLT) <sup>28</sup> Jesus took Peter, James, and John up on a mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup> And as he was praying, **the appearance of his face was transformed, and his clothes became dazzling white.** Colossians 1:15-17; 2 Corinthians 4:4, 6; Philippians 3:10-11

**Matthew 5:8** (MSG) <sup>8</sup> “**You're blessed** when you get **your inside world**—your mind and heart—**put right**. Then you can **see God** in the outside world.”

## 6. It Prepares Us for Ministry .

**Luke 9:37** (NLT) <sup>37</sup> The next day, after they had **come down the mountain**, a large crowd met Jesus.

- **Confrontation with the Devil** vs. 37-39
- **Conflict with Each Other** vs. 46
- **Criticism from Other People** vs. 51-56

**Matthew 6:9-13** (NKJV) <sup>9</sup> **Our Father** in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. <sup>10</sup> Your **kingdom come**. Your **will be done** On earth as *it is* in heaven. <sup>11</sup> **Give us** this day our daily bread. <sup>12</sup> And **forgive us** our debts, As we forgive our debtors. <sup>13</sup> And **do not lead us** into temptation, But **deliver us** from the evil one. For Yours is **the kingdom and the power and the glory** forever. Amen.