

Daily Devotional



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■ day one { “First or Last” }

Have you ever practiced, trained, or studied faithfully for something and then just didn't quite make the cut or the grade? How did you feel when you heard, “better luck next time?” Maybe you were made fun of because you didn't make it, even after you had tried so hard. Maybe you were given the position of water boy instead of quarterback, did you rejoice? No, that isn't a misprint, did you rejoice? **Today:** Read Matthew 19:30 and know that Jesus sees your faithfulness so rejoice.

■ day two { “Success” }

When you think about someone who is successful, what are the first things that come to mind? How does success look to you? Take a minute to answer. Write it down. Do your answers include things like money in the bank, nice house or car; a little “bling?” Stop for a minute, now how do the children in your life describe success? Have you asked them? If we are not teaching our children or those in our lives what Jesus says about true success and greatness; then the world is. They see “celebrity” figures cheating on their spouses, boozing it up, being through in jail for drugs, yet in acceptance speeches for their so called “success” they give thanks to God for their talent. It sends the wrong message to our children about what God expects of the “talents” He give us. **Today:** Do something Great...be a Christ centered role model to a child in your life.

■ day three { “What is important?” }

Think for a moment about what is important to you? List the top 5 things you want right now. Now next to each of those write why you want those things? Do you work hard to obtain the things on this list? What is the purpose for wanting them? **Today:** Put self aside and think about what is important to God. Now pursue it with the same ambition as you do the things on your list of importance.

■ day four { “Time for God” }

What is the Lord prompting you to do? Are you saying something like this, “I can't do that Lord, I don't have time?” Sure you don't use those words but your actions say it loud and clear. Discuss a time that you felt the Lord prompting you; what was your response to His prompting? Did you do it immediately? If not, why? Are you listening to His prompting now? What is He calling you to do? **Today:** Read Matthew 20:26-28.... Now go do great things for the Lord.

■ day five { “They are from Him” }

What are your talents and skills? List them. Administration? Cooking? Swinging a hammer? Speaking? Empathy & encouragement? You know your strong suits, now be reminded that our Father in Heaven gave those qualities to you. How are you using them to glorify His Kingdom to serve others? After all it isn't about you or me, it's about using the talents and the gifts He gave us to glorify Him. **Today:** Read Matthew 23: 11; Matthew 25:14-30. What will Jesus say to you? **Daily:** Walk with the Lord, seek Him in all your ways, He is good and knows those who trust Him.

■ a word from the writers

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