

# Daily Devotional



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"We may never catch perfection, but in pursuing perfection, we will catch excellence; and God deserves that."

## ■ day one { too busy for God? }

Do you know someone who is too busy? Why do you think that? Do they leave things unfinished? Poorly done? Even without needing the income, people work 50, 60 or more hours per week. Why? Perhaps that person is you. You need time for rest, reflection and "quality time" with those you love; especially the Lord.

## ■ day two { focus on our own soul: Proverbs 31:26 }

Who do you want to "instruct"? Do you think you have the wisdom to instruct others? Read Today's Scripture. Where did this woman find wisdom? (Read James 1:5) To whom did she impart wisdom? If you want to provide Godly instruction, you should first focus upon your own personal relationship with God.

## ■ day three { the Tyranny of the Urgent: Proverbs 31:27 }

What do you consider the "affairs of the household"? Cooking, cleaning, laundry, shopping...the list is endless! These all seem urgent at the time, but are they important? We are all guilty of allowing the urgent to outweigh the important. In Rev. 8:1, we see that God allowed a half hour of silence for prayer. How often do you spend a half hour in prayer? What needs to be removed from your life to accomplish time with the Lord?

## ■ day four { focus on the needs of others: Proverbs 31:28 }

When was the last time that you put someone else (outside of your own family) ahead of yourself? When we study the life of Christ, our example in living, it is without question that His life was lived for others. Read today's Scripture. Why do you think this woman receive such valued compliments from those closest to her? She focused upon meeting their needs before her own needs. (Read I Cor. 10:24) Today: Ask God to reveal a need that you can meet for someone else.

## ■ day five { focus on His strength: Proverbs 31:29-31 }

Do you need help in resisting temptation? Controlling anger? Coping with everyday life? Do you get to the point where you think that you can't possibly do it all? In II Cor. 12:10, Paul says "For when I am weak, then I am strong." What he meant was, "When I recognize my complete dependence upon God, THEN I am strong." Focus upon God and you will achieve excellence in everything like the woman in Proverbs 31. In our times of weakness, we find His strength to overcome. Today: Ask God how you need to adjust your schedule in order to be able to meet "divine appointments."

## ■ a word from the writers

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