

30-Day "Our Journey" YOUTH AND CHILDREN DEVOTIONAL

"Praying for wise use of our gifts from God...time, talent, and treasure."

Matthew 25: 14-30

For the next 30 days, we will journey through the spiritual discipline of time, talent, and treasure. We must never put anything before God. God commands us to give back to him financially; however, how we use our time and talent is just as important.

Our time should be spent doing things that have eternal value more than things that don't. It's okay to do fun things like playing football or taking dance or playing video games, but we should not let these activities become more important than doing things for God.

We must do our best to keep our time balanced between "other" things and the things of God. He deserves our very best and we should strive to be good stewards of what he has given us.

Let's begin "Our Journey"

DAY 1 - TIME

"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."
Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

Ignite Devotional

God is in control of any situation you might face. His plan is ALWAYS best for you. You can pray and trust that He will lead you in the right direction. There's always hope!

Ignite Prayer

Dear God, life can be confusing sometimes, but I know You see everything going on with me. Help me to hear Your voice as I make decisions about my life. Give me the courage to do what is right and pleasing in Your sight.

KWOW Devotional

God is so amazing. He has a plan for your life! His plan is for you to do well and to always have hope!

KWOW Prayer

Dear God, thank You for loving me so much! I know I can trust You because You know what is best for me and my family. Help me not to worry when times are tough.

DAY 2 - TIME

"The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever." 1 John 2:17 (NIV)

Ignite Devotional

Have you noticed how easy it is to get consumed by what is going on around you? It might be getting swept up into the gossip at school. Or spending too much time gaming online or watching TV. It is easy to lose focus on the things that are important. God has a divine plan and purpose for your life. Challenge yourself to break out of the normal and do something different. Choose to take time to hear from God concerning your future.

Ignite Prayer

Dear God, my desire is to make You priority in my life. Help me to know Your plan and Your will for my future.

KWOW Devotional

You mean the world to God and He wants you to care more about His perfect plan for you than anything else. When you listen and obey God, He promises to give you a gift of life forever.

KWOW Prayer

Lord, help me to love and honor You more than anything or anyone. Give me superhero strength in obedience so that I may have the gift of life forever.

DAY 3 - TIME

“But seek first his kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

Matthew 6:33

Ignite Devotional

The promise of this verse is that when you put your focus on God's Word and His way of doing things first, all the other concerns of your life will begin to fall into place. You can then have the peace of knowing that you do not have to keep it all in order, God will. God supernaturally takes care of all your life's concerns when you put His concern's first.

Ignite Prayer

Heavenly Father, today I will choose to put Your Word and Your kingdom first in my life. My desire is to be faithful to You in all that I do.

KWOW Devotional

When you have to make a decision, you should always pause and seek God's wisdom. Do you know why? Because God created you and He knows everything. When you seek God first you will be lead in the right direction.

KWOW Prayer

Father, when I am facing decisions may the Holy Spirit lead me to You for true guidance. I am nothing without You Father.

DAY 4 - TIME

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?”

Matthew 6:25-26 (NIV)

Ignite Devotional

For most of us, worry is a way of life. While some worries are indeed warranted, much worry is misdirected imagination. Worry grows when we believe the lies of the evil one, such as earthly things are more important than our eternal priorities, or that God won't take care of us. We win over worry by cultivating a growing awareness of God's love, a deepening appreciation of God's creative provision and a maturing confidence in our own worth.

Ignite Prayer

Thank you Father for Your continued provisions. I ask that You give me peace of mind to not worry, but to trust and believe in You.

KWOW Devotional

Before you get up in the morning, your parents have already planned what you will eat and what you will wear and what the day will consist of. But God who is your heavenly Father knows everything about you in fact He knows how many hairs are on your head. God never wants us to worry about anything because He knows everything we need before we do.

KWOW Prayer

Dear God, when I am worried remind me that You know everything and that I can be at peace because You will take care of my needs. If the birds don't worry why should I? I have You!

DAY 5 - TIME

“Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise! It has no commander, no overseer or ruler, yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest.”
Proverbs 6:6-8 (NIV)

Ignite Devotional

How much time do you spend gaming? How much time do you spend studying for school? How much time do you spend reading your Bible? Without parental oversight, make the decision to use your time more wisely.

Ignite Prayer

Lord, I know I spend too much time on the wrong things. Help me to manage my time. Help me to prioritize.

KWOW Devotional

Everything that you are learning as a child is to prepare you for the future. Right now, your parents help lead you and help make decisions for you. God wants you to be ready. True wisdom comes from God alone so stick with God and keep Him first so that you may be prepared for your future.

KWOW Prayer

Dear God, please help me focus on You and Your wisdom so that I may be better prepared for the future. Remind me that You know the beginning and the end and with You I am in good hands.

DAY 6 - TIME

“Be very careful, then, how you live – not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.”
Ephesians 5:15-16 (NIV)

Ignite Devotional

What you believe determines how you live. Change comes from the inside out not the outside in. Living according to God's will means to not just live in the moment. It means your actions need to represent your faith.

Ignite Prayer

Heavenly Father, guide my mind and my heart to make wise choices daily. My prayer is to use wisdom in every decision of my life.

KWOW Devotional

Did you know that everywhere you go God is present? God is with you always so always try to be the best version of you. Depend on God to help you put your best foot forward.

KWOW Prayer

God, I know I am far from perfect, but every day that I live, help me be the best me I can be.

DAY 7 - TIME

“For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father’s family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this.”

Esther 4:14 (NIV)

Ignite Devotional

What storm are you facing? What opportunities to serve are before you today or may be before you in the near future? Could it be that God has been preparing you all along for “such a time as this?” Are you prayed up and spiritually prepared to face the challenges at hand?

Ignite Prayer

LORD, make us world changers for You this day by choosing the needs of others over our own desires.

KWOW Devotional

Did you see someone get bullied and you didn’t report it? God calls you to be brave enough to be the voice for someone who is too afraid to speak up for themselves. Can God count on you to speak up?

KWOW Prayer

Dear God, give me the courage to speak boldly. Help me to pray for the one being bullied and for the bully.

DAY 8 - TIME

“As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work.”

John 9:4 (NIV)

Ignite Devotional

Day time gives us light to do our work. No one can work in the dark. In order to do what God requires, we must do it while we have opportunity. Do not put it off, you may run out of time.

Ignite Prayer

Dear Father, help us to do what You require in the time You provide. Give us the drive and determination to please You by our obedience to what You say to do and when to do it.

KWOW Devotional

God gives us time to do what He wants us to do for Him. We must obey and not put it off. Jesus is our example. He did everything His Father asked.

KWOW Prayer

God give us the strength to be obedient and do what You ask us to do and not wait.

DAY 9 - TIME

“In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son.”

Hebrews 1:1 (NIV)

Ignite Devotional

God is always speaking. The question is, do we listen? God speaks today through the Bible and the principles that Jesus teaches. Jesus teaches love, the power we have in prayer, and how to treat others. Stop today and listen.

Ignite Prayer

God, help me to hear Your voice directing me daily. I need Your guidance and Your direction.

KWOW Devotional

God speaks to us in His Word, the Bible. He teaches us how to love Him, how to love others, and how to love ourselves.

KWOW Prayer

God, help me hear Your Word leading me today.

DAY 10 - TIME

“Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks.”

John 4:23 (NIV)

Ignite Devotional

God is looking for people who will worship Him with their whole heart. The kind of worship that has one object and that is God. Let us turn away from self and the distractions of our day and worship God in Spirit and in truth.

Ignite Prayer

Father God, I want to worship You with my whole heart. Clean my heart. Clear my thoughts. I want to focus only on You.

KWOW Devotional

God wants each of us to worship Him from our heart. We do that by giving God our attention.

KWOW Prayer

God, I want to worship You from my heart. Lord, I worship and honor You. I thank You for being my God.

DAY 11 - TALENT

“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.”

1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)

Ignite Devotional

God created us in His own image and has blessed us individually with different personalities. God has also blessed us with physical, intellectual, and spiritual talents. Just as we demonstrate our physical and intellectual talent on a daily basis, we must also ask God to help us demonstrate our spiritual talent.

Ignite Prayer

God, please help me to develop my spiritual gift so that I can discover Your will for my life.

KWOW Devotional

God is so good that He gave each one of us a unique gift. Gifts that we are to share with others so that God is happy and excited about us.

KWOW Prayer

Dear Lord, thank You for creating me with a gift to share. God give me the courage to use my gift for you.

DAY 12 - TALENT

“For as in one body we have many members and the members do not all have the same function.”

Romans 12:4 (NIV)

Ignite Devotional

God wants us to unplug from worldly activities and use our gifts and talents for His glory.

Ignite Prayer

Dear God, I thank You for my talent. I pray that You will help me to utilize my talent to bring glory to Your Name.

KWOW Devotional

Every part of your body has a job. Your heart does one job and your fingers do another. As believers of Christ we are a part of the body and we have a role to do. Ask God what your role is and then get busy.

KWOW Prayer

Heavenly Father, reveal to me what my job is and give me the courage to do it.

DAY 13 - TALENT

“For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him.”

Matthew 25:29 (NIV)

Ignite Devotional

God wants to open a spiritual bank account in our heart, so that you may deposit His Word into your fellow peers.

Ignite Prayer

Heavenly Father, Thank you for investing in my soul through your Son Jesus.

KWOW Devotional

With God you have more than enough. As long as you have Him within, you will have a more abundant life. Without God, you are empty and even what you think you have will never be enough.

KWOW Prayer

Dear God, thank You for giving me more than I need. Thank You for the Holy Spirit.

DAY 14 - TALENT

“For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

Ephesians 2:10

Ignite Devotional

God created us in many different varieties. We have different color skin, hair, and eyes. Even though we look different, we are all created to praise God and to live out His will for our lives.

Ignite Prayer

Dear God, I thank You for hand crafting me in Your image and I pray that my actions will resemble Your will for my life.

KWOW Devotional

Did you know you were a masterpiece to God? He made you with a purpose to live out. Christ is our example and we are striving to be more and more like Christ daily. You have a job to do.

KWOW Prayer

Heavenly Father, help me be more like Christ. Help me be more loving, kind and caring and use the gift you have placed inside of me.

DAY 15 - TALENT

“But let each one examine his own actions. Then he can take pride in himself, without comparing himself to somebody else,”

Galatians 6:4

Ignite Devotional

God has blessed us with individual talents. As a child of God, it is very important that we utilize our talent.

Ignite Prayer

Heavenly Father, I thank You for my talent. Lord, please help me develop my talent so that I may utilize it to praise Your name.

KWOW Devotional

When you look in the mirror all you see is your reflection. You are responsible for yourself and what you give to the world. Walk boldly in the love of Christ and show the light of Christ within to others without comparing your work to the next person.

KWOW Prayer

Dear God, please help me walk boldly in your perfect love; remembering that I am my own person created by You the perfect creator. Thank you Lord.

DAY 16 - TALENT

“You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.”

Matthew 5:14-16

Ignite Devotional

God wants us to be the light of the world. He wants us to shine with our actions, words, and thoughts.

Ignite Prayer

Lord, please let my life be a source of light for those in need of spiritual growth.

KWOW Devotional

When you open the door for someone or just simply say “Hi” to someone, do it as if God is watching because He is. Let your kindness towards others be a reflection of the light of Christ in you.

KWOW Prayer

God, thank You for Jesus Christ. May everything I do be a reflection of what Christ has done for me. Give me the courage to be more like Christ.

DAY 17 - TALENT

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.”

Colossians 3:23-24

Ignite Devotional

As preteens and teenagers, we look to our friends for validation. Also, we compare our actions, styles, and features to society standards as a measuring stick or a personal evaluation. Our Heavenly Father wants us to do what is pleasing to Him, not society!

Ignite Prayer

Dear God, I want to seek Your favor and not the favor of the world.

KWOW Devotional

Whatever you do, do it for God. Do not worry about trying to impress your friends and family. Instead do what will bring joy to God and your reward will come from the Lord.

KWOW Prayer

God, help me to have a burning desire to do what is pleasing to You. Help me to ignore the pressures of impressing my friends and family.

DAY 18 - TALENT

“Whenever the spirit from God came on Saul, David would take up his lyre and play. Then relief would come to Saul; he would feel better, and the evil spirit would leave.”

1 Samuel 16:23

Ignite Devotional

God wants us to continuously work together as a body of believers, so that the church will always experience an increase.

Ignite Prayer

Dear God, please allow me to participate in the spiritual growth and development of our church.

KWOW Devotional

Look at your hand, now imagine your hand with no fingers. What good would your hand be without your fingers to help you tie your shoes, play with your games or anything for that matter. God's Word says that we are all members of the body. When one member is not present it affects the entire body. We all have a gift to add to the body of Christ. Are you using your gifts?

KWOW Prayer

Dear God, tell me what my gift is so that I may do my part for the body of Christ. God, please help me support my church members because we are all one.

DAY 19 - TALENT

“Now there are kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men.”

1 Corinthians 12:4-6

Ignite Devotional

As a body of believers, we are given many gifts to serve in the church. Although we have different gifts, they all work toward the same purpose—that of building up the Body of Christ through works of service. We are responsible to use our gifts in service to Him through the church.

Ignite Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, I come to You as a humble servant. Thank You for the opportunities I have to serve You. I pray for guidance, wisdom, and courage as I share Your love with others. Lord, help me to live each day as a steward who seeks to fulfill Your purpose for my life.

KWOW Devotional

If you only had one Lego piece you cannot build anything. But if you met others who had one Lego piece, you could put them together to build a masterpiece. God has given each of us gifts and together we can use them to help others.

KWOW Prayer

Dear God I want to use my gifts and talents to give You glory.

DAY 20 - TALENT

“Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.”

James 1:17

Ignite Devotional

You may not feel qualified to use the talents God has given to you. Maybe you have seen or heard someone do great work with their talents and you have not measured up. Do not measure your gifts and talents to someone else. God's gifts are perfect and He has given them to you to use for His glory.

Ignite Prayer

God, thank You for being good to me. God be with me as I begin to use the perfect gifts You have entrusted to me.

KWOW Devotional

What if your friend says to you “I'll give you this toy, but you cannot be friends with that girl or boy over there?” Or, what if someone says “you can have this jacket if you promise not to tell on me?” What would you do? God says that we should not accept any gifts from anyone as a bribe because when we do we lose sight of what's right and then our word means nothing.

KWOW Prayer

Dear God, help me be a person of good integrity and help me exercise what is right even when what looks good is bad for me. God help me to be more like Christ.

DAY 21 - TREASURE

“Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.”

2 Corinthians 9:10

Ignite Devotional

Are you holding on to something that is preventing you from stretching out your hand to receive God's gift of righteousness by faith? This gift includes the forgiveness of sins, a new life of service to the Lord, and eternal life.

Everything you have or might like to have pales in comparison to the gift of God's righteousness through faith in Christ. Receive him as Lord, and the gift of his righteousness will be yours.

Ignite Prayer

Heavenly Father teach us what it means to consider all things as rubbish so that we might gain the righteousness of Jesus Christ through faith in Him.

KWOW Devotional

God always takes care of you! When we do what God wants and what is right, we are sowing good into our life and the lives of other people. God wants us to help others.

KWOW Prayer

God, please help me to share the good things that You have given me to help others.

DAY 22 - TREASURE

“One man gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty.”

Proverbs 11:24

Ignite Devotional

God gives us a feeling of well-being when we have done something good for someone. Share God's love with a friend today.

Ignite Prayer

Lord, thank You for Your love, and guide us to share it freely.

KWOW Devotional

When we give, do it willingly and not like a stingy person. When we give freely, God can trust us with more.

KWOW Prayer

God, I want You to trust me with more. I ask that You please remove any stingy spirits that are within me, so that I can give more freely.

DAY 23 - TREASURE

“But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.”

James 3:17

Ignite Devotional

Instead of asking for a long life, riches, popularity, or power, Solomon asked for wisdom. He understood that the wisdom that comes from heaven is the one thing we need more than anything else if we are to be what God wants us to be. Will you ask for wisdom today knowing that you have an opportunity to change your outlook?

Ignite Prayer

Lord, our God, give us Your wisdom to help us understand Your Word and to live by it every day. Guide us into peaceful, wise living that shows Your love.

KWOW Devotional

When we give to God there is a reward. Give back to God what He has given and receive the increase.

KWOW Prayer

Dear God, help me to be a cheerful giver and not hold back my gifts.

DAY 24 - TREASURE

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Luke 12:34

Ignite Devotional

The way to be free from chasing worldly treasures is through worship. When our hearts treasure Jesus through prayer, meditation, song, and Scripture, we are reoriented to what is truly priceless for us. We make an investment that will last forever. What does your heart treasure?

Ignite Prayer

“LORD, our God, how majestic is Your Name in all the earth”; since You have treasured us first, help us to treasure You as Lord and Master of our lives.

KWOW Devotional

We have to be careful that what we treasure and love doesn't take us away from God. God wants us to keep Him first before anything or anyone.

KWOW Prayer

Dear God, You are my greatest treasure. When other things take too much of my attention remind me that You come first. Amen.

DAY 25 - TREASURE

“But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.”

2 Corinthians 4:7

Ignite Devotional

What evidence have you seen in your life that you are a “jar of clay,” that you are not powerful on your own to carry the message of God’s grace? What evidence have you seen of God’s power in and through you?

Ignite Prayer

Lord, thank You for the privilege of representing You to those around me. Make Your treasure shine through this jar of clay so others might know Your love today.

KWOW Devotional

Everything that we are able to do is because God allows us to do it. If we can sing or write it is because God gave us the power to do it. Make sure we give God all the praise and take no credit.

KWOW Prayer

Dear God, I thank You for the power You have put inside of me. I give You praise for every precious treasure You have allowed me to have and use.

DAY 26 - TREASURE

“The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching. For the Scripture says, ‘Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain,’ and ‘The worker deserves his wages.’”

1 Timothy 5:17-18

Ignite Devotional

Christians have an obligation to give back to God. When we do so willingly there is reward. The Christian who withholds the gifts, will experience poverty. Allow God to give you the reward of more, give with an open hand and heart.

Ignite Prayer

Dear God, when I give, let me do so out of a grateful heart. Help me to give back to You what is right, so that I will receive Your reward.

KWOW Devotional

Everyone who works earns a wage. They work to provide services to many people in society.

KWOW Prayer

Lord, I want to use all that I have received to help someone along the way.

DAY 27 - TREASURE

“They will throw their silver into the streets, and their gold will be an unclean thing. Their silver and gold will not be able to save them in the day of the Lord’s wrath. They will not satisfy their hunger or fill their stomachs with it, for it has made them stumble into sin.”

Ezekiel 7:19

Ignite Devotional

It is important to love and obey God more than things of the world, including money, jewels, cars, houses. Give God the priority in your life and He will allow you to enjoy the things He provides.

Ignite Prayer

Lord, I thank you for the future that awaits me. Forgive me when I try to collect the things of this world, and help me to have a greater focus on you.

KWOW Devotional

Love and obedience to God means more than having what you want. Always put God first.

KWOW Prayer

God, I love you more than anything.

DAY 28 - TREASURE

“Wealth is worthless in the day of wrath, but righteousness delivers from death.”

Proverbs 11:4

Ignite Devotional

To be a good servant, you must always be aware of what needs to be done, and to do it as quickly and efficiently as possible. But, you must be knowledgeable and have a great understanding of the Master’s will and desires in order to do this. You must be responsible and a good steward, ensuring the stability of honoring God.

Ignite Prayer

Thank You, O Lord, for the opportunities You have given me to work for You. Keep me faithful to Your Word.

KWOW Devotional

Money can buy you a meal. Money can buy you a toy. But, money cannot save you. It is not our money, but our relationship with Jesus that delivers us from sin.

KWOW Prayer

Thank you God for giving Your Son, Jesus Christ, by whom I am saved.

DAY 29 - TREASURE

“‘It’s all right,’ he said. ‘Don’t be afraid. Your God, the God of your father, has given you treasure in your sacks; I received your silver.’ Then he brought Simeon out to them.”

Genesis 43:23

Ignite Devotional

If you see someone’s checkbook, you can figure out a great deal about their priorities. We spend money on things that are important to us, and the way we handle our finances is a good way to check the condition of our hearts.

Ignite Prayer

Holy Spirit, change the way I use the resources You have given me so that my heart may be drawn nearer to you.

KWOW Devotional

God is our provider. God keeps His promises and gives us everything we need and many times more than what we need. We never have to be afraid when we have God on our side.

KWOW Prayer

Dear God, thank You for being a promise-keeping God. Thank You for the treasures you have bestowed upon me. Thank You for knowing all of my needs.

DAY 30 - TREASURE

“In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

Acts 20:35

Ignite Devotional

We should be amazed at the amount of money people can spend or lose. It is rare that a month goes by without news of a famous actor, athlete or business-person who has lost everything. The cause usually boils down to some kind of folly. Wisdom with our money is needed. Wise people invest in kingdom businesses, their church, family, and community. Does your investment strategy reflect eternal values?

Ignite Prayer

Lord, help us to be wise with our money. May we seek Your wisdom when we have opportunities to spend Your money.

KWOW Devotional

Jesus said that it is better to give than to receive. Have you ever given your last piece of candy away to someone who didn’t have any? I bet it made you feel good. It is always better to be a blessing to others.

KWOW Prayer

God please help me be a giver and trust You with everything I have.

