

Daily

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I once heard someone say, "The thing about life, is that it is so daily." How true! Life is a daily experience. Sometimes, the experiences of the day are exciting and joyful, while other days bring challenges and disappointments. There is no way to stop, or even slow the day from arriving, so we must be prepared for whatever experiences it will bring, good or bad. Jesus said it well:

"So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."
(Matthew 6:34)

In other words, don't miss, or waste, the blessings of each day by focusing so much on the next day, or even yesterday. Enjoying or enduring what the day may bring can be difficult, if not impossible, if one is constantly living in the future or the past.

When it comes to the daily grind of life, it is important to remember that the Christian life is to be a daily experience. It is not something that only occurs every Sunday. Unfortunately, I am not sure some of us really understand this. So much of our focus is on the weekly assembly. In the midst of the hustle and bustle of life, the idea of a daily walk of faithful obedience may slip our notice. Jesus said, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross *daily* and follow Me (cf. Luke 9:23). Taking up our cross daily means daily sacrifices, daily obedience, daily prayer, and daily attention to the word of God.

Jesus taught us to pray with a positive, daily perspective focused on God. "Give us this day our daily bread" (Matt. 6:11). Daily, we should rise from our beds with the attitude of the psalmist who wrote:

This is the **day** which the Lord has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Psalm 118:24 Emphasis Mine)

In other words, God has blessed you with the day, so make the most of whatever it brings. Seek the blessings that God has prepared for you to enjoy this day. With this kind of daily approach to life, we can say with David,

Every day I will bless You, And I will praise Your name forever and ever. (Psalm 145:2 Emphasis Mine)

In another Psalm, David writes:

Blessed be the Lord, who **daily** bears our burden,
The God who is our salvation. (Psalm 68:19 Emphasis Mine)

How comforting is this wonderful truth! God is with us on a daily basis. Even in those times when we mess up and have a bad day, Jeremiah tells us:

*The Lord's lovingkindnesses indeed never cease, For His compassions never fail. **They are new every morning**; Great is Your faithfulness.* (Lamentations 3:22-23 Emphasis Mine)

There are plenty of examples in the Bible of God's children serving Him, and one another, on a daily basis. In book of Nehemiah, we read of what Ezra did daily.

*He read from the book of the law of God **daily**...*(Nehemiah 8:18a Emphasis Mine)

The apostle Paul wrote regarding some of his daily concerns:

*Apart from such external things, there is the **daily** pressure on me of concern for all the churches.*
(2 Corinthians 11:28 Emphasis Mine)

In the Gospels we find descriptions of the daily activities of Jesus:

*And He was teaching **daily** in the temple; but the chief priests and the scribes and the leading men among the people were trying to destroy Him, (Luke 19:47 Emphasis Mine)*

*While I was with you **daily** in the temple, you did not lay hands on Me; but this hour and the power of darkness are yours.” (Luke 22:53 Emphasis Mine)*

When Jesus was in Jerusalem, He was teaching daily in the temple. When He was not in Jerusalem, He was daily teaching His disciples. Prayer was also part of His daily activities (cf. Mark 1:35; 6:45-46; Luke 6:12). Each day brought opportunities, and Jesus seized the moments.

In the book of Acts we can read of the daily activities of the early church:

***Day by day** continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number **day by day** those who were being saved. (Acts 2:46-47 Emphasis Mine)*

*Now at this time while the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint arose on the part of the Hellenistic Jews against the native Hebrews, because their widows were being overlooked in the **daily** serving of food. (Acts 6:1 Emphasis Mine)*

*Now these were more noble- minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures **daily** to see whether these things were so.(Acts 17:11 Emphasis Mine)*

The early church was busy on a daily basis in the Lord's work. What a wonderful and challenging example for us! As the Lord's church today, we must not allow the daily chores and activities of life to take us away from the daily responsibilities and opportunities we have as Christians.

So, what are your plans for today?