

## PASSIONS

**23:23**

Get **wisdom, self-control, and understanding.**

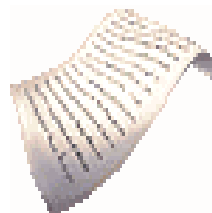
## The Mind of Christ

## Philippians 3:13-21

## Psalm 53

emulate that **exemplary life-style** as diligently and tenaciously as possible!

<b>Reflection</b>	(what I did or not yesterday)
<b>Commitment</b>	(what I hope to do today)



In prayer, be: Serene      Selfless      Short      Simple      Sincere

Include: Praise Confession **Intercession** Petition Meditation

Praise: (thanksgiving for God's blessings)  
God's presence, Trinity, **Forgiveness**, Salvation, Patience  
Spouse, Children, Home, Job, **Extended Family**, Friends

Confession: (admission of my falling short of God's best for me)

Commissions	Omissions

**Intercession:** (asking God to work in the lives of others)  
Family Friends Business Assoc Ministers **Missions**

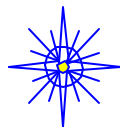
Petition: (asking God to do something in me)

Physical	Mental	Emotional	<b>Spiritual</b>	Relational
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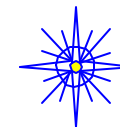
Meditation: (be still before the Lord, think about...)  
**The best time you and your dad every had . . .**

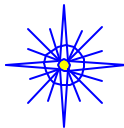
Commitment: (what I hope to do today)

**Tell my dad how much I appreciate his love and Godly example.**



## PLANS

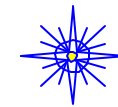
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**Psalms 53**

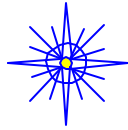
Only foolish persons live as though there is  
no one to whom they are accountable -  
particularly GOD! Our nature is to be large  
and in charge of our own lives and destinies.  
But anything created is useless if it is not  
**operating according to its creator's design.**

Wicked people are basically selfish and mean.  
They have little or no regard for others. They  
do not seek advice from God or His wise men.  
However, be fully aware of the fact that  
**God is neither deceived nor mocked!**  
He will deal severely with all who oppose or  
totally ignore Him.

It is noteworthy that God administers discipline  
and punishment to his people. It is equally  
significant that God will always restore any who  
repent and seek restoration.



1 Fools say to themselves, "There is no God." Fools are evil  
and do terrible things; none of them does anything good.  
2 God looked down from heaven on all people to see if  
anyone was wise, if anyone was looking to God for help.  
3 But all have turned away. Together, everyone has  
become evil; none of them does anything good. Not a  
single person.  
4 Don't the wicked understand? They destroy my people  
as if they were eating bread. They do not ask God for help.  
5 The wicked are filled with terror where there had been  
nothing to fear. God will scatter the bones of your enemies.  
You will defeat them, because God has rejected them.  
6 I pray that victory will come to Israel from Mount Zion!  
May God bring them back. Then the people of Jacob will  
rejoice, and the people of Israel will be glad.



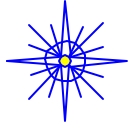
## Philippians 3:13-21

Always try hard to abide by the truth you have from scripture. Look around for a fine example of a Godly man or woman whom you can emulate. Strive to follow their example, knowing that it is not them, but their Godly lifestyle you wish to be like!

It is very sad to see so many people around you who hate God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. It grieves God more than it would grieve your own dad if you hated him or just ignored him.

God loves you far more than your own dad does. And God wants your affection and presence with Him. So don't make God cry. Don't make your dad cry. Don't make your Popper cry.

Love God and spend time with Him as often as possible. Treat Him as your dearest and closest friend. Remember that He is in your presence at all times, whether you see Him or not! Better yet, talk to Him all along the way each day, knowing that He not only hears you, He covets every moment you spend talking to Him and listening to Him.

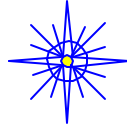


13 Brothers and sisters, I know that I have not yet reached that goal, but there is one thing I always do. Forgetting the past and straining toward what is ahead, 14 I keep trying to reach the goal and get the prize for which God called me through Christ to the life above. 15 All of us who are spiritually mature should think this way, too. And if there are things you do not agree with, God will make them clear to you.

**16 But we should continue following the truth we already have. 17 Brothers and sisters, all of you should try to follow my example and to copy those who live the way we showed you. 18 Many people live like enemies of the cross of Christ. I have often told you about them, and it makes me cry to tell you about them now.**

19 In the end, they will be destroyed. They do whatever their bodies want, they are proud of their shameful acts, and they think only about earthly things. 20 But our homeland is in heaven, and we are waiting for our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, to come from heaven. 21 By his power to rule all things, he will change our simple bodies and make them like his own glorious body.

## Proverbs 23:23



23 Buy truth, and do not sell it, Get wisdom and instruction and understanding. (NNAS)

23 Learn the truth and never reject it. Get wisdom, self-control, and understanding. (NCV)

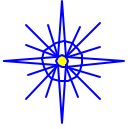
23 Buy the truth and do not sell it; get wisdom, discipline and understanding. (NIV)

23 Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding. (KJV)

23 Get the facts at any price, and hold on tightly to all the good sense you can get. (TLB)

23 Buy truth, and do not sell it, Get wisdom and instruction and understanding. (NASB)

## PROVERB 23

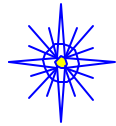


1 If you sit down to eat with a ruler, notice the food that is in front of you. 2 Control yourself if you have a big appetite. 3 Don't be greedy for his fine foods, because that food might be a trick. 4 Don't wear yourself out trying to get rich; be wise enough to control yourself. 5 Wealth can vanish in the wink of an eye. It can seem to grow wings and fly away like an eagle. 6 Don't eat the food of selfish people; don't be greedy for their fine foods. 7 Selfish people are always worrying about how much the food costs. They tell you, "Eat and drink," but they don't really mean it. 8 You will throw up the little you have eaten, and you will have wasted your kind words. 9 Don't speak to fools; they will only ignore your wise words. 10 Don't move an old stone that marks a border, and don't take fields that belong to orphans. 11 God, their defender, is strong; he will take their side against you. 12 Remember what you are taught, and listen carefully to words of knowledge. 13 Don't fail to punish children. If you spank them, they won't die. 14 If you spank them, you will save them from death. 15 My child, if you are wise, then I will be happy. 16 I will be so pleased if you speak what is right. 17 Don't envy sinners, but always respect the LORD. 18 Then you will have hope for the future, and your wishes will come true. 19 Listen, my child, and be wise. Keep your mind on what is right. 20 Don't drink too much wine or eat too much food. 21 Those who drink and eat too much become poor. They sleep too much and end up wearing rags. 22 Listen to your father, who gave you life, and do not forget your mother when she is old. 23 Learn the truth and never reject it. Get wisdom, self-control, and understanding. 24 The father of a good child is very happy; parents who have wise children are glad because of them. 25 Make your father and mother happy; give your mother a reason to be glad. 26 My son, pay attention to me, and watch closely what I do. 27 A prostitute is as dangerous as a deep pit, and an unfaithful wife is like a narrow well. 28 They ambush you like robbers and cause many men to be unfaithful to their wives. 29 Who has trouble? Who has pain? Who fights? Who complains? Who has unnecessary bruises? Who has bloodshot eyes? 30 It is people who drink too much wine, who try out all different kinds of strong drinks. 31 Don't stare at the wine when it is red, when it sparkles in the cup, when it goes down smoothly. 32 Later it bites like a snake with poison in its fangs. 33 Your eyes will see strange sights, and your mind will be confused. 34 You will feel dizzy as if you're in a storm on the ocean, as if you're on top of a ship's sails. 35 You will think, "They hit me, but I'm not hurt. They beat me up, but I don't remember it. I wish I could wake up. Then I would get another drink."

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## Quick Reference Guide to DayPrimer for today:



- C Reflect on the wisdom of Solomon
  - Read the selected verse(s) from multiple versions
  - Remember the highlighted words
- C Sing to the Lord (if you can't sing, read and reflect)
- C Read God's Word
  - Psalm for today
  - Proverb for today
  - Bible study passage for today
- C Focus for a moment on the "key thought"
  - Remember the highlighted words
- C Pray very specifically
  - In prayer be: (in an appropriate attitude)
  - Include: (focus on certain aspects of prayer)
  - [ Praise God for His work in your behalf
  - \ Confess your wrong doings and not doings
  - Y Intercede for the needs of others
  - Z Petition God for yourself
  - ± Meditate about God's creativity
  - \_ Commit to God to do something specific

## Sing to God!

### The Mind of Christ

To receive when others reject;  
to treat each one with true respect;  
to shield when others throw stones;  
to be with one who's all alone;  
to think and choose to see the very best;  
to live like this is nothing less;

The mind of Christ my highest goal;  
the Lord's delight the desire of my soul;  
the Father's heart will always guide my life  
If I will have in me the mind of Christ

To build up when others tear down;  
to seek the lost until they're found;  
to give grace where it's needed most;  
rejecting pride when others boast;  
to sacrifice my all without regret;  
to live like this is nothing less;

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# DayPrimers'

## PRAYER GUIDELINES:

Since our prayer time would be flooded with never ending requests and we could not possibly pray continuously for every request, DayPrimers has devised a method of randomly selecting certain categories for prayer for each day.

DayPrimers also provides prayer request forms which enable you to put start and end dates to the requests.

When you are asked to pray for someone or some thing, be sure that the request is very specific.

Only commit to a certain time frame or "as God brings them to mind."

Be realistic in your commitments. If you in good faith cannot pray with a sense of conviction that God will answer in a positive way, you should likely not commit to pray for that specific request.

If you don't really intend to pray for something, do not commit to do so.

**WE ARE NOT ALL CONVINCED OF THE SAME RESULTS!**  
You cannot be a prayer warrior if you do not believe that victory will be yours.

Choose your prayer battles wisely. Then pray all the way to "victory!"

A few sample prayer request forms appear on the following pages:

DayPrimers = Complete Devotionals

Day Primers are intended to help you establish personal accountability for your walk with God. The pattern is printed every day, to encourage you to be honest with yourself and with God every time you seek His face. Your honesty in reflecting will help you to see your progress (or lack thereof). Don't be discouraged, simply because you see repetitions of behaviors you want to stop. Habits are very hard to break. But the new ones you establish can be just as strong and lasting as the ones you eventually leave behind.

Note that this devotional guide uses the same "text" for more than one day. This is to help those who may be struggling to establish a regular pattern for personal time with God. If you miss a day or maybe two, you will not be skipping portions of scripture which would break the continuity of the book of the bible.

This guide is not intended nor expected to force you to have a "daily" time with God, but rather to help you focus your attention when you do meet with God so as to increase the quality of the time we spend in His presence.

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Here are some guidelines.

Attempt to memorize the “wisdom” verse for the day.

Read the text from a different translation each day.

Always be **specific** in your prayers, use one of your “specific prayer” sheets.

When time does not enable you to pray for all the requests on your prayer sheets, select a sheet that is in the category in **bold** print on the daily “primer.”

- Extra daily bible reading might include:
- = the entire chapter of the book of proverbs which match the date
  - = an entire chapter in the book of psalms selected from the chart provided
  - = topical scriptures from a “topical” bible such as the Naves Topical Bible
  - = follow a “read through the bible” schedule

Try to keep a balance between reading/studying and praying. God wants to hear us talk to Him as much as he wants us to listen to Him (reading His word).

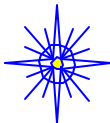
Your daily commitments should become your own, rather than those printed on the “primer.” But, in the absence of time for meditation to establish your own commitment, the “primer” suggests a commitment which may help you through your day.

The (future dates) pages are included for your use to keep track of dates beyond the month which you are living through. At the top of these pages you can write in the month and year for these future appointments and important action items. Down the left side are the dates within the month (1 through 31). The column titled “Day” is for you to indicate what day of the week the date is.

For example: February 4<sup>th</sup> might be a Monday, when you enter an appointment for the 4<sup>th</sup>, put that it is a “Mon” as well. That way if you were given the wrong date but the right day of the week, you can make the correction when you transfer the appointment to the current month.

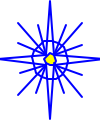
Month: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_  
(future dates)

Date	Day	
1		
2		
3		
4	Mon	Meet with Bill for lunch at Tripps at 12:45
5		
6		





## This specific prayer is for



Family	Friend	Business Associate	Minister	Missionary
Names	Needs and Notes			Dates
				Begin
				End
				Begin
				End
				Begin
				End
				Begin
				End
				Begin
				End
				Begin
				End
				Begin
				End
				Begin
				End
Prayer Request Pages				

Limit each page to the specific area to be emphasized when praying during your quiet time. For example all the prayer requests on the sheet to the left might be for “Family.” Then on the days when DayPrimers selects “Family” as the requests to be lifted up to God that day, you can refer to the “Family” sheet or sheets to remind yourself of the commitments you have made.

Notice also that you have a column for when you will begin praying for this “family” member and when you will either cease praying for this particular need or you will confirm with that “family” member that you will continue for another specified time.

This approach not only enables you to manage your “prayer load” but also provides a mean of requiring accountability for yourself and the person for whom you are praying. REMEMBER to always be very specific with both the “names” and the “needs.” If you pray for all the missionaries in the world, but no one specifically, you are but making “noise” in God’s ears. God, your heavenly “daddy” cannot give you what you want if you don’t tell Him in clearly understandable language what it is that you want.

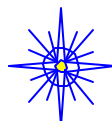
Pray does not have to be “lengthy” either. Get to the point with each request. Don’t be flippant nor presumptuous. Just be genuine and clear and sincere.

Priority	Project Name / Description			Due by
Estimated Time				Submitted by
Cost				When:
For:				
Signed off by:	Completed	Approved	Implemented	
by whom	Action Items			by when?
				started
				finished
				started
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				started
				finished

mo

Priority: 1=very high, 2=high, 3=normal, 4=low, 5=very low, 7=drop in 3 mo, 9=drop in 1

mo



These are provided to help you organize tasks and clearly define what all must be done to accomplish the task which you believe God has assigned to you. These can be used for business, pleasure, or ministry.

Notice that these guides call for an estimate of time needed to complete the work. This is also intended to help you avoid over-commitment to “work” for yourself, others, and the Lord.

## Opportunity and Notes Pages

These are provided to help you take good notes and keep them organized as you take advantage of opportunities at work, at play, or in ministry. The “opportunity” pages would act as the cover page identifying the person or organization being served. The notes sheets would provide space for overflow commentary about the opportunity. Some even use the “opportunity” pages to take sermon notes!

## Opportunity

Company:

Phone:

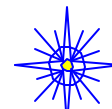
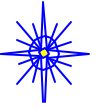
Contact:

Location:

Date/Time:

Needs:

## Notes



DREAMS

Things I hope to do

DREAMS

Family	Friend	Business Associate	Minister	Missionary
for whom priority	Word or Action			Dates
				Dreamed
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DEEDS

Things I must do

DEEDS

Family	Friend	Business Associate	Minister	Missionary
for whom priority	Word or Action			Dates
				Planned
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On the “Passions” page of Dayprimers:

A specific verse is selected from the chapter of Proverbs for the day (chapter 24). The words in **bold** are to remember all day and practice all through the day.

A song is selected for you to sing, speak, or read silently to lift your heart in worship to God, you should not limit yourself to this song. If you are enjoying the presence of God in song, keep on singing to Him.

The passage of scripture for the day is selected as a part of an organized, systematic, approach to studying an entire book of the bible in “daily” (bite-sized) portions. The same few verses are studied for 3 days in a row with an emphasis on different verses in the passage each day. This is intended to enable you to occasionally “miss” a day, but not miss any scripture.

The “key” thought is taken from “God’s Word for the Day” text and paraphrased so as to help you remember this “highlight” from the passage. A few words are in **bold** which express in a nut-shell what you might easily remember all day long and use as a reminder of what God wants you to do, think, feel, or be today.

The pattern of “Communion with God” is shown every day to help you stay on track with an order of “Devotional” expression which we feel helps to prepare your heart to be open to God’s hearing from you and speaking to you from His Heart.

**PRAISE => READ => PRAY => REFLECT => COMMIT**

On the “Passions” page of Dayprimers:

In order to be most effective in communication with God, it is essential that we be specific about what we desire. No more than we would tell our coworker to meet me after work but not say where we would meet should we speak to God in general terms. Instead of praying for “all the missionaries” or all of the “sick persons” in the world, we should select one or two missionaries and/or sick persons and pray specifically for them. We should get enough details about them in order to pray “intelligently” for them. Pray for what they truly need rather than what we think they might need.

Prayer should **ALWAYS be SPECIFIC!** Dayprimers has also been designed to help you focus on your prayer time to be: **Specific, Selfless, Short, Simple, Sincere**

Prayer can be most meaning when it contains these five elements and in this order:

**Praise** Confession Intercession Petition Meditation

Each day Dayprimers emphasizes a different one of these elements and within each element emphasizes one or two particular areas to pray about.

Each day imagery is used to stimulate your meditation. However, you can substitute your own **meditation** which brings your spirit closer to God’s.

Finally, Dayprimers includes a suggest commitment for the day. Your own commitment(s) will come from the Lord as you spend this most precious time with Him.

Be it long or short, the formula should remain consistent.

**Praise => Read => Pray => Reflect => Commit**

