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**360 Day Journey**

Giving God more of  
our Time, Talent, &  
Treasure

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## Greetings...

It is my desire and prayer for you to grow closer to Christ, to know God the Father as he already knows you, and to live being guided by the Holy Spirit.

In order to do this, not only will it take my prayers, but yours as well and you have to be committed to God with your

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Over the next 360 days I am inviting you to go on a Holy Spirit led journey with me. We will give God more of our

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and this little booklet with help us.

On this journey, we will read the entire Bible 3 times. Complete Our Spiritual Gift Inventories. And finally understand the importance of consistent Biblical Giving. Are you ready to for the journey? Here we go!

***Peace & Blessings, Pastor Stephan Kirby***

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## Our Time...

### **Daily Prayer and Devotion**

Our TIME with GOD is vital. We must understand we can not experience the fullness of life without fully knowing God. God's desire is to establish a "personal relationship" with us.

He created us as individuals, forming us in the womb (Psalm 139:13). God knows the intimate details of our lives, such as the number of hairs on our heads (Luke 12:7). He knows the sparrows individually, and "you are worth more than many sparrows" (Matthew 10:29, 31). He invites us to come to Him and know Him (Isaiah 1:18; Revelation 22:17; Song of Solomon 4:8). When we desire to know God intimately, we will seek Him early (Psalm 63:1) and spend time with Him. We will be like Mary, sitting at Jesus' feet listening to His voice (Luke 10:39). We will hunger and thirst for righteousness, and we will be filled (Matthew 5:6).

Perhaps the best reason for us to invest time alone with God is to follow biblical examples. In the Old Testament, we see God call prophets to come to Him alone. Moses met with God alone at the burning bush and then on Mt. Sinai. David, whose many psalms reflect a confident familiarity with God, communed with Him while on the run from Saul (Psalm 57). God's presence passed by as Elijah was in the cave. In the New Testament, Jesus devoted time alone with God (Matthew 14:13; Mark 1:35; Mark 6:45-46; Mark 14:32-34; Luke 4:42; Luke 5:16; Luke 6:12; Luke 9:18; John 6:15).

Jesus actually instructed us to pray to God alone at times: “When you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen” (Matthew 6:6a).

To rely on Jesus as our vine (John 15:1-8), we will need to be directly, intimately connected to Him. Just as a branch is linked directly to the vine and, through the vine, connected to other branches, so we are linked directly to Christ and therefore share in a community. We share time alone with God and in corporate worship for the best nourishment. Without time alone with God, we will find needs unmet; we will not truly know the abundant life He gives.

Investing time alone with God rids our minds of distraction so that we can focus on Him and hear His Word. Abiding in Him, we enjoy the intimacy to which He calls us and come to truly know Him.

To sign-up receive a Daily Devotional Word and Prayer of Inspiration go to [eklesiachristianlife.org/dailyword](http://eklesiachristianlife.org/dailyword)

### **Daily Reading Plan**

To help you invest time with God, there is here for you a 360 Day Bible Reading Schedule, broken down in increments of 4 months, so after the next 12 months you will have read the entire Bible 3 times!

I recommend downloading a Bible app on your phone, tablet, computer, or electronic device. Here is a suggested website: [www.youversion.com](http://www.youversion.com)

With many apps you can also download an audible version of the Bible so you can listen as you drive, read along with, or work out. In other words this journey will be easy to accomplish.

## Reading Schedule Days 1-30, 121-150, 241-270

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Scripture</u>
1, 121, 241	January 1, May 1, September 1	Genesis 1-10
2, 122, 242	January 2, May 2, September 2	Genesis 11-21
3, 123, 243	January 3, May 3, September 3	Genesis 22-28
4, 124, 244	January 4, May 4, September 4	Genesis 29-35
5, 125, 245	January 5, May 5, September 5	Genesis 36-43
6, 126, 246	January 6, May 6, September 6	Genesis 44 - Exodus 2
7, 127, 247	January 7, May 7, September 7	Exodus 3-11
8, 128, 248	January 8, May 8, September 8	Exodus 12-18
9, 129, 249	January 9, May 9, September 9	Exodus 19-22
10, 130, 250	January 10, May 10, September 10	Exodus 23-30
11, 131, 251	January 11, May 11, September 11	Exodus 31-38
12, 132, 252	January 12, May 12, September 12	Exodus 39 - Leviticus 7
13, 133, 253	January 13, May 13, September 13	Leviticus 8-14
14, 134, 254	January 14, May 14, September 14	Leviticus 15-23
15, 135, 255	January 15, May 15, September 15	Leviticus 24 - Numbers 2
16, 136, 256	January 16, May 16, September 16	Numbers 3-8
17, 137, 257	January 17, May 17, September 17	Numbers 9-16
18, 138, 258	January 18, May 18, September 18	Numbers 17-25
19, 139, 259	January 19, May 19, September 19	Numbers 26-32
20, 140, 260	January 20, May 20, September 20	Numbers 33 - Deuteronomy 3
21, 141, 261	January 21, May 21, September 21	Deuteronomy 4-12
22, 142, 262	January 22, May 22, September 22	Deuteronomy 13-23
23, 143, 263	January 23, May 23, September 23	Deuteronomy 24-32
24, 144, 264	January 24, May 24, September 24	Deuteronomy 33 - Joshua 9
25, 145, 265	January 25, May 25, September 25	Joshua 10-18
26, 146, 266	January 26, May 26, September 26	Joshua 19 - Judges 2
27, 147, 267	January 27, May 27, September 27	Judges 3-10
28, 148, 268	January 28, May 28, September 28	Judges 11-20
29, 149, 269	January 29, May 29, September 29	Judges 21 - 1 Samuel 6
30, 150, 270	January 30, May 30, September 30	1 Samuel 7-16

## Reading Schedule Days 31-60, 151-180; 271-300

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Scripture</u>
31, 151, 271	January 31, May 31, October 1	1 Samuel 17-24
32, 152, 272	February 1, June 1, October 2	1 Samuel 25 - 2 Samuel 3
33, 153, 273	February 2, June 2, October 3	2 Samuel 4-14
34, 154, 274	February 3, June 3, October 4	2 Samuel 15-22
35, 155, 275	February 4, June 4, October 5	2 Samuel 23 - 1 Kings 6
36, 156, 276	February 5, June 5, October 6	1 Kings 7-12
37, 157, 277	February 6, June 6, October 7	1 Kings 13-22
38, 158, 278	February 7, June 7, October 8	2 Kings 1-7
39, 159, 279	February 8, June 8, October 9	2 Kings 8-16
40, 160, 280	February 9, June 9, October 10	2 Kings 17-25
41, 161, 281	February 10, June 10, October 11	1 Chronicles 1-8
42, 162, 282	February 11, June 11, October 12	1 Chronicles 9-17
43, 163, 283	February 12, June 12, October 13	1 Chronicles 18-22
44, 164, 284	February 13, June 13, October 14	1 Chronicles 23 - 2 Chronicles 6
45, 165, 285	February 14, June 14, October 15	2 Chronicles 7-19
46, 166, 286	February 15, June 15, October 16	2 Chronicles 20-30
47, 167, 287	February 16, June 16, October 17	2 Chronicles 31 - Ezra 3
48, 168, 288	February 17, June 17, October 18	Ezra 4 - Nehemiah 6
49, 169, 289	February 18, June 18, October 19	Nehemiah 7 - Esther 4
50, 170, 290	February 19, June 19, October 20	Esther 5 - Job 7
51, 171, 291	February 20, June 20, October 21	Job 8-18
52, 172, 292	February 21, June 21, October 22	Job 19-28
53, 173, 293	February 22, June 22, October 23	Job 29-38
54, 174, 294	February 23, June 23, October 24	Job 38 - Psalms 15
55, 175, 295	February 24, June 24, October 25	Psalms 16-31
56, 176, 296	February 25, June 25, October 26	Psalms 32-45
57, 177, 297	February 26, June 26, October 27	Psalms 46-65
58, 178, 298	February 27, June 27, October 28	Psalms 66-77
59, 179, 299	February 28, June 28, October 29	Psalms 78-89
60, 180, 300	March 1, June 29, October 30	Psalms 90-105

## Reading Schedule Days 61-90, 181-210, 301-330

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Scripture</u>
61, 181, 301	March 2, June 30, October 31	Psalms 106-118
62, 182, 302	March 3, July 1, November 1	Psalms 119-131
63, 183, 303	March 4, July 2, November 2	Psalms 132-144
64, 184, 304	March 5, July 3, November 3	Psalms 145 - Proverbs 6
65, 185, 305	March 6, July 4, November 4	Proverbs 7-15
66, 186, 306	March 7, July 5, November 5	Proverbs 16-24
67, 187, 307	March 8, July 6, November 6	Proverbs 25 - Ecclesiastes 3
68, 188, 308	March 9, July 7, November 7	Ecclesiastes 4-Song of Solomon 7
69, 189, 309	March 10, July 8, November 8	Song of Solomon 8 - Isaiah 11
70, 190, 310	March 11, July 9, November 9	Isaiah 12-27
71, 191, 311	March 12, July 10, November 10	Isaiah 28-39
72, 192, 312	March 13, July 11, November 11	Isaiah 40-50
73, 193, 313	March 14, July 12, November 12	Isaiah 51-59
74, 194, 314	March 15, July 13, November 13	Isaiah 60 - Jeremiah 5
75, 195, 315	March 16, July 14, November 14	Jeremiah 6-16
76, 196, 316	March 17, July 15, November 15	Jeremiah 17-27
77, 197, 317	March 18, July 16, November 16	Jeremiah 28-36
78, 198, 318	March 19, July 17, November 17	Jeremiah 37-48
79, 199, 319	March 20, July 18, November 18	Jeremiah 49 - Lamentations 3
80, 200, 320	March 21, July 19, November 19	Lamentations 4 - Ezekiel 11
81, 201, 321	March 22, July 20, November 20	Ezekiel 12-20
82, 202, 322	March 23, July 21, November 21	Ezekiel 21-29
83, 203, 323	March 24, July 22, November 22	Ezekiel 30-39
84, 204, 324	March 25, July 23, November 23	Ezekiel 40-48
85, 205, 325	March 26, July 24, November 24	Daniel 1-8
86, 206, 326	March 27, July 25, November 25	Daniel 9 - Hosea 10
87, 207, 327	March 28, July 26, November 26	Hosea 11 - Amos 9
88, 208, 328	March 29, July 27, November 27	Obadiah 1 - Habakkuk 3
89, 209, 329	March 30, July 28, November 28	Haggai 1 - Zechariah 8
90, 210, 330	March 31, July 29, November 29	Zechariah 9 - Malachi 4



## Reading Schedule Days 91-120; 211-240; 331-360

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Scripture</u>
91, 211, 331	April 1, July 30, November 30	Matthew 1-7
92, 212, 332	April 2, July 31, December 1	Matthew 8-16
93, 213, 333	April 3, August 1, December 2	Matthew 17-24
94, 214, 334	April 4, August 2, December 3	Matthew 25 - Mark 3
95, 215, 335	April 5, August 3, December 4	Mark 4-10
96, 216, 336	April 6, August 4, December 5	Mark 11-16
97, 217, 337	April 7, August 5, December 6	Luke 1-5
98, 218,338	April 8, August 6, December 7	Luke 6-10
99, 219,339	April 9, August 7, December 8	Luke 11-16
100, 220,340	April 10, August 8, December 9	Luke 17-22
101, 221,341	April 11, August 9, December 10	Luke 23 - John 4
102, 222,342	April 12, August 10, December 11	John 5-9
103, 223,343	April 13, August 11, December 12	John 10-15
104, 224,344	April 14, August 12, December 13	John 16 - Acts 2
105, 225,345	April 15, August 13, December 14	Acts 3-9
106, 226,346	April 16, August 14, December 15	Acts 10-16
107, 227,347	April 17, August 15, December 16	Acts 17-23
108, 228,348	April 18, August 16, December 17	Acts 24 - Romans 3
109, 229,349	April 19, August 17, December 18	Romans 4-13
110, 230,350	April 20, August 18, December 19	Romans 14 - 1 Corinthians 8
111, 231,351	April 21, August 19, December 20	1 Corinthians 9-16
112, 232,352	April 22, August 20, December 21	2 Corinthians 1-13
113, 233,353	April 23, August 21, December 22	Galatians 1 - Ephesians 5
114, 234,354	April 24, August 22, December 23	Ephesians 6 - 1 Thessalonians 3
115, 235,355	April 25, August 23, December 24	2 Thessalonians - 2 Timothy 2
116, 236,356	April 26, August 24, December 25	2 Timothy 3 - Hebrews 8
117, 237,357	April 27, August 25, December 26	Hebrews 9 - James 5
118, 238,358	April 28, August 26, December 27	1 Peter 1 - 1 John 4
119, 239,359	April 29, August 27, December 28	1 John 5 - Revelation 10
120, 240,360	April 30, August 28, December 29	Revelation 11-22

## Our Talents...

### Identifying and Implementing our Spiritual Gifts

Every believer has one or more spiritual gifts. These are gifts of God's grace, not something we earn or deserve. They are given by God according to His plan and decree, not by our pleading or desire. The gifts of the Spirit are listed in the Bible in six different places (1 Corinthians 12:8-10, 12:28, 29-30; Romans 12:6-8; Ephesians 4:11; 1 Peter 4:11). They are different from the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23). The fruit of the Spirit reflect our spiritual growth while the gifts do not (consider the church at Corinth which was exceedingly gifted but also exceedingly immature).

The gifts of the Spirit work with ministries of the church with the offices in the church they are: apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers. The task of the ones in these offices is to equip God's people to do the work of God and build up the church. As God's people are being developed, they begin to realize there is something more... and the desire to seek God's face and identify our gifts and what we are to do with them begins.

#### What would be helpful in identifying and using your gifts?

Be patient. God will make your gifts clear in time as you faithfully serve others. Don't be overly concerned about what you are doing for God. He's far more concerned about what He's doing within you to make you more like Jesus Christ. Your character – who you are – is God's chief concern. Your conduct – what you do – also is important to Him, but in second place. Remember: what you do flows out of who you are – not the other way around.

What are the most important spiritual gifts?

Every spiritual gift is equally important and necessary to the functioning of the Church. “No part is important on its own. Can you imagine Eye telling Hand, ‘Get lost; I don’t need you’? Or, Head telling Foot, ‘You’re fired; your job has been phased out’ (1 Corinthians 12:21 MSG). All the gifts are needed, and all the gifts are important.

What accountability exists for using your spiritual gifts?

Someday you will stand before God and give an accounting of your life. In *The Purpose Driven Life* Rick Warren writes that God will ask you only two questions. First, “*What did you do with my Son?*” Your answer will clarify whether or not you accepted God’s free gift of *salvation* through Christ. Finally, “*What did you do with all I gave you [including spiritual gifts]?*” Your answer will determine the quality of your service to Him, and therefore, your rewards in heaven.

We invite you to go to our church website and take the Spiritual Gift assessment

[ekkesiachristianlife.org/spiritual-gift-test](http://ekkesiachristianlife.org/spiritual-gift-test)

After you complete the questionnaire, list your top five below:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

## Our Church, Our Community...

Now that you have identified some of your Gifts, let's put them to work in Our Church and Our Community

What is the Church?

*The Church is not the building it's the people. Our church—Ekklesia is A "Called-Out" Family of Believers Reflecting the Image of Christ Jesus. We are a diverse group of believers coming together to build and encourage one another and build and encourage our community. We are to apply our God given gifts in the areas of need in our church and community. Giving back to our church and the community is giving to Christ.*

There are many passages of scripture that best describe what the church is to be and do, two statements by Jesus summarize it all: the Great Commandment (Matt. 22:37-40) and the Great Commission (Matt. 28:19-20).

***Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind... Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments. Matthew 22:37-40***

***Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. Matthew 28:19-20***

In these two verses we find 5 ways to Give Back

1. Love the Lord with all your heart—Give back with **Worship**
2. Love your neighbor as yourself—Give back with **Ministry**
3. Go and make disciples—Give back with **Evangelism**
4. Baptizing them—Giving back with **Fellowship**
5. Teaching them to obey—Giving back with **Discipleship**

Pray and ask God,

***“Lord, now that you have helped me to see some of the gifts you have given me. please show me how to apply them according to you word and the need in my church and my community. Thank you. In the name of Jesus. Amen.***

Ask your pastor, mentor, teacher, prayer partner to touch and agree with you and you begin this journey of giving back.

At Ekklesia we use four key words to summarize the 5 ways Christ prescribed giving back for his church.

- **Exalt:** We celebrate God's presence in worship
- **Equip:** We though God's Word prepare God's family for fellowship
- **Evangelize:** We communicate God's Word through evangelism
- **Extend:** We educate God's people and demonstrate God's love through discipleship and service

#### **Ekklesia's Purpose Statement**

*Our Purpose of We the Ekklesia – to exalt the Savior, to equip the saints, to evangelize the lost, and to extend the love of Christ.*

## Our Treasure... His Tithe

### **What Does God's Word Say About The Tithe?**

What is the tithe? It is the "gateway for the believer into the covenant of blessings." In the Hebrew "maaser" or "maasrah," is translated tenth, or tenth part, and in Greek "apodekatoo" and in both, it means a payment or giving or receiving of the tenth. The tithe is that tenth of our income that we give to God, which enables Him to move on our behalf in the area of blessings. The Bible records numerous accounts of man tithing to God. God is the creator of everything that exists. He owns everything and we are simply stewards of what we have been entrusted with. The tithe principle is this; "He gives unto us, we give back to Him one-tenth of all that He has blessed us with.

" Abraham tithed unto Melchizedek, Isaac tithed unto His son Jacob and many others also even before the law was given. Many Christians do not tithe because they have been taught that they are not under the law, but under grace. While this is a true statement, God did not institute the tithe to bring us under the law, but to get blessings to His children. Abraham tithed before the law, and God blessed him supernaturally. We're under grace that we might establish the law; not turn from it. Jesus said that He didn't come to do away with the law, but to fulfill it. Because He fulfilled it, we are to establish it. His Words are forever settled in heaven, therefore we establish His Words upon the earth.

Jesus put it like this... Matthew 5:17-19: "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

Tithing According to the Law as Given by Moses Leviticus 27:30 "And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the LORD'S: it is holy unto the LORD." This scripture states that all the tithe, whether it be seed of the land, fruit of the tree, or one tenth of all that you earn, is holy unto the Lord.

Deuteronomy 14:22-29 states that one-tenth of all that comes into your possession, belongs to God. This was God's plan to instruct His people as to the way of blessings that He had for them. God is a multiplier by nature, and He could not multiply that which was not entrusted to Him. When the children of Israel were obedient to give back to God that which was His, increase was guaranteed.

Scripture states, It's better to be obedient than to sacrifice. When the children of Israel were obedient, blessings came; when they were disobedient, they had to sacrifice. Many Christians today are wanting God to honor the covenant that He has with His children, but disobedient children cannot receive the same reward as the obedient.

1 Samuel 15:22: "And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams." The strongest chain is only as strong as its weakest link. When we fail to tithe, we become that weak link. Statistics show that approximately 20% of Christians tithe. That means, 80% is not in covenant with God.

It would be better to rob a bank than to rob the bank of Heaven. I'm sure most Christians don't see it this way. Malachi 3:8 asks the question "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.

2 Corinthians 9:6-8: But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.

Here is a tithing guide to help you calculate what you requirement to God is

**10% Giving Chart**

Income (My Treasure)	First Tenth (His Tithe)
\$200.00	\$20.00
\$300.00	\$30.00
\$400.00	\$40.00
\$500.00	\$50.00
\$600.00	\$60.00
\$700.00	\$70.00
\$800.00	\$80.00
\$900.00	\$90.00
\$1,000.00	\$100.00
\$1,500.00	\$150.00
\$2,000.00	\$200.00
\$2,500.00	\$250.00
\$3,000.00	\$300.00

Giving at Ekklesia is easy, simply go to

[ekkesiachristianlife.org/giving](http://ekkesiachristianlife.org/giving)

**\*\*\*If Ekklesia is not your home church we highly recommend you give there first.**

**Father in Heaven, I ask that you bless my brother and sister immensely as they give you their TIME, TALENTS, & TREASURES in the mighty name of JESUS I pray. Amen.**



## 15 Strategies to Win Souls for Christ and to Effectively Grow the Ekklesia

1. Invite everybody we meet to come this church (Luke 14:15-24)
2. Share a verbal personal testimony (John 9)
3. Share our with others what “Ekklesia” is all about (Matthew 28:19-20)
4. Participate in Praise (celebrative) Worship especially in the singing of praise music (Psalms 146-150)
5. Become a disciple in Sunday School and / or Bible Study (2 Timothy 2:15)
6. Practice “Community Time” in whatever ministry or auxiliary we belong (Matthew 5:14-16)
7. Participate in Ekklesia fellowship and activities (Hebrews 12:15)
8. Identify our Spiritual Gifts (2 Timothy 1:6)
9. Participate in service ministries or missions that match our Spiritual Gifts (1 Corinthians 14)
10. Progress towards graduation in Christian Maturity (1 Corinthians 13:11 & Ephesians 4:11-15)
11. Commit to the church’s prototype of Stewardship / Giving (Malachi 3:8-10 and 2 Corinthians 9:6-8)
12. Build a relationship with an un-churched person (Luke 19:1-10)
13. Set to memory the Vision and Purpose Statement of Ekklesia (Psalm 37:5)
14. Undergird our church and her leadership daily in prayer (Matthew 26:41 and 1 Thessalonians 5:25)
15. Every person (ministry, committee, auxiliary, class, and group) should participate in at least one mission project each year (Ephesians 4:16)

We thank you for accepting this challenge. We trust and believe you were blessed in the process. We would love to hear from you, your testimony, of how God has rewarded your faithfulness. Email us at

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*A “Called-Out” Family of Believers  
Reflecting the Image of Christ Jesus*

*Our Purpose of We the Ekklesia—  
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evangelize the lost and to extend the love  
of Christ.*

*Ekklesia (pronounced ek-klay-see'-ah) is The  
Greek word used in the Bible for church,  
which actually means “assembly” or literally  
“called out ones.” It is made up of the two  
Greek words, EK—“out of,” and KALEO—  
“shall be called.”*