

Proverbs

21:5

The **plans** of the **diligent** lead to **profit**,
as surely as **haste** leads to **poverty**.

Day 21

Sing to God!

Whiter Than Snow

God's Word for the Day!

Philippians 3:1-12

Key Thought!

Psalm 51

I may be very **religious** and do many **righteous** things,
but this is meaningless if I am not **sharing God's message** with others!

Praise	(song in my heart to God)
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Word	(today's scripture text)
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Prayer	(Specific , as guided below)
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Reflection	(what I did or not yesterday)

Commitment	(what I hope to do today)
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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)

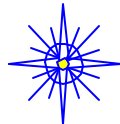
Physical Mental Emotional **Spiritual** Relational

Meditation: (be still before the Lord, think about...)

The pervasive sense of comfort being with my best friend.

Commitment: (what I hope to do today)

Look for opportunities to pass on knowledge which I possess.



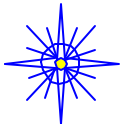
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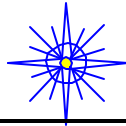
Morning

Afternoon

Anytime

Evening





Psalm 51

It is God who possesses the incredible power not only to create the universe as we know it, but also to put it into motion on command on a daily basis.

The universe, our planet, and the sun which rises and sets on His command give testimony to the

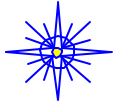
Awesome, mighty, power of God!

As creator of all, He makes the rules by which all are governed. This makes Him the best judge of whether things are operating according to the design He used to make them. This includes both the material things around us and all living beings.

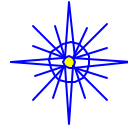
God proclaims that He wants His people, those who have made a covenant (with sacrifice) to be His people, to offers sacrifices, not for His benefit, but for ours! Our sacrifices are simply evidence of our thankfulness to God for His total provision for us.

But, be well advised. **It is a grave mistake to take any vow to God lightly.** God will not only hold you accountable for your vows, He will also deal with you severely if you do not follow through with it.

But the good news is, "God promises to rescue us any and every time we call upon Him." And the wicked will not get away with their willful disobedience forever! It is only those who seek God and are willing to sacrifice something who will receive His salvation.



1 (For the choir director. A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet came to him,) (after he had gone in to Bathsheba.) Be gracious to me, O God, according to Thy lovingkindness; According to the greatness of Thy compassion blot out my transgressions. 2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, And cleanse me from my sin. 3 For I know my transgressions, And my sin is ever before me. 4 Against Thee, Thee only, I have sinned, And done what is evil in Thy sight, So that Thou art justified when Thou dost speak, And blameless when Thou dost judge. 5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me. 6 Behold, Thou dost desire truth in the innermost being, And in the hidden part Thou wilt make me know wisdom. 7 Purify me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. 8 Make me to hear joy and gladness, Let the bones which Thou hast broken rejoice. 9 Hide Thy face from my sins, And blot out all my iniquities. 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me. 11 Do not cast me away from Thy presence, And do not take Thy Holy Spirit from me. 12 Restore to me the joy of Thy salvation, And sustain me with a willing spirit. 13 Then I will teach transgressors Thy ways, And sinners will be converted to Thee. 14 Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, Thou God of my salvation; Then my tongue will joyfully sing of Thy righteousness. 15 O Lord, open my lips, That my mouth may declare Thy praise. 16 For Thou dost not delight in sacrifice, otherwise I would give it; Thou art not pleased with burnt offering. 17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; A broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise. 18 By Thy favor do good to Zion; Build the walls of Jerusalem. 19 Then Thou wilt delight in righteous sacrifices, In burnt offering and whole burnt offering; Then young bulls will be offered on Thine altar.



Philippians 3:1-12

Many of us have the tendency to think that our pedigree gives us some advantage over others with respect to spiritual matters and a relationship to God. Well, the Apostle Paul had among the **finest credentials and family history of anyone.**

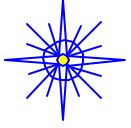
But he stated clearly that none of this was of any significance at all relative to the fulfillment of the purposes of the cause of Christ.

We often get caught up in our “religiosity” as though it were the most important thing in life. We are proud to be rated high on the scale of spirituality as measured by the “do”s and “don’t”s of our church. But God sees all of our righteousness as “filthy rags.” We need a thorough “washing” by God’s spirit.

Now the bottom line of all this is: “The single most significant issue in all of life is **knowing Christ fully.** **I can only be found righteous through Christ’s righteousness, and am only seen as perfectly clean based on my faith in God.**

So, how about it? Why not try God’s way instead of your own notion? Talk to God now!

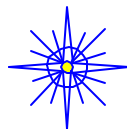
- > Confess that you are nothing and unclean
- > Ask Christ to be your spiritual mate and guide
- > Commit everything you have and are to Him



1 Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things again is no trouble to me, and it is a safeguard for you. 2 Beware of the dogs, beware of the evil workers, beware of the false circumcision; 3 for we are the true circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh,

4 although I myself might have confidence even in the flesh. If anyone else has a mind to put confidence in the flesh, I far more: 5 circumcised the eighth day, of the nation of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the Law, a Pharisee; 6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to the righteousness which is in the Law, found blameless. 7 But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ. 8 More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish in order that I may gain Christ, 9 and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith,

10 that I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; 11 in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. 12 Not that I have already obtained it, or have already become perfect, but I press on in order that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus.



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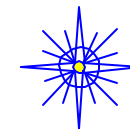
5 The plans of hard-working people earn a profit, but those who act too quickly become poor. (NCV)

5 The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty. (NIV)

5 The thoughts of the diligent tend only to plenteousness; but of every one that is hasty only to want. (KJV)

5 Steady plodding brings prosperity; hasty speculation brings poverty. (TLB)

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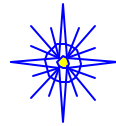


1 The king's heart is like channels of water in the hand of the LORD; He turns it wherever He wishes. 2 Every man's way is right in his own eyes, But the LORD weighs the hearts. 3 To do righteousness and justice is desired by the LORD rather than sacrifice. 4 Haughty eyes and a proud heart, The lamp of the wicked, is sin. 5 The plans of the diligent lead surely to advantage, But everyone who is hasty comes surely to poverty. 6 The getting of treasures by a lying tongue is a fleeting vapor, the pursuit of death. 7 The violence of the wicked will drag them away, Because they refuse to act with justice. 8 The way of a guilty man is crooked, But as for the pure, his conduct is upright. 9 It is better to live in a corner of a roof, Than in a house shared with a contentious woman. 10 The soul of the wicked desires evil; His neighbor finds no favor in his eyes. 11 When the scoffer is punished, the naive becomes wise; But when the wise is instructed, he receives knowledge. 12 The righteous one considers the house of the wicked, Turning the wicked to ruin. 13 He who shuts his ear to the cry of the poor Will also cry himself and not be answered. 14 A gift in secret subdues anger, And a bribe in the bosom, strong wrath. 15 The execution of justice is joy for the righteous, But is terror to the workers of iniquity. 16 A man who wanders from the way of understanding Will rest in the assembly of the dead. 17 He who loves pleasure will become a poor man; He who loves wine and oil will not become rich. 18 The wicked is a ransom for the righteous, And the treacherous is in the place of the upright. 19 It is better to live in a desert land, Than with a contentious and vexing woman. 20 There is precious treasure and oil in the dwelling of the wise, But a foolish man swallows it up. 21 He who pursues righteousness and loyalty Finds life, righteousness and honor. 22 A wise man scales the city of the mighty, And brings down the stronghold in which they trust. 23 He who guards his mouth and his tongue, Guards his soul from troubles. 24 "Proud," "Haughty," "Scoffer," are his names, Who acts with insolent pride. 25 The desire of the sluggard puts him to death, For his hands refuse to work; 26 All day long he is craving, While the righteous gives and does not hold back. 27 The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination, How much more when he brings it with evil intent! 28 A false witness will perish, But the man who listens to the truth will speak forever. 29 A wicked man shows a bold face, But as for the upright, he makes his way sure. 30 There is no wisdom and no understanding And no counsel against the LORD. 31 The horse is prepared for the day of battle, But victory belongs to the LORD.

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Quick Reference Guide to DayPrimer for today:

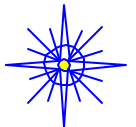


- C Reflect on the wisdom of Solomon
 - Read the selected verse(s) from multiple versions
 - Remember the highlighted words
- C Sing to the Lord (if you can't sing, read and reflect)
- C Read God's Word
 - Psalm for today
 - Proverb for today
 - Bible study passage for today
- C Focus for a moment on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

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 this 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. **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 to the "end!"

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



This specific prayer is for

Family Friend Business Associate Minister Missionary

Names	Needs and Notes	Dates
		Begin
		End
		Begin
		End
		Begin
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		End

Sing to the Lord!

Whiter Than Snow

Lord Jesus I long to be perfectly whole.
 I want thee forever to live in my soul
 Break down every idol. Cast out every foe.
 Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

Chorus:

**Whiter than snow, yes whiter than snow.
 Lord wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.**

Lord Jesus, look down from Thy throne in the skies.
 And help me to make a complete sacrifice.
 I give up myself and whatever I know.
 Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

Lord Jesus, for this I most humbly entreat.
 I wait, blessed Lord, at Thy crucified feet.
 By faith for my cleansing, I see Thy blood flow.
 Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

Lord Jesus Thou seest I patiently wait.
 Come now within me a new heart create.
 To those who have sought Thee, Thou never said no.
 Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

The blessing by faith I receive from above.
 Oh, glory, my soul is made perfect in love.
 My prayer had prevailed and this moment I know.
 The blood is applied and I'm whiter than snow!