Devotion Topics and Ideas

For brainstorming devotion topics



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- 1. **Songs**: Is there a song which has been resonating with you? Write on some of the lyrics.
- 2. <u>Life Event</u>: Has there been an event in your life recently which you can relate to scripture?
- 3. **God's Creation**: Get out into nature and let God speak to you. Whether it be the mountains, the beach, the forest or the desert, His beauty is everywhere.
- 4. **<u>Current Events</u>**: What is going on in the world today? Write on what scripture says about one of the events or about how we as Christians should respond to the event.
- 5. **Regret**: Can you write about something which happened in your life which you could have handled differently?
- 6. **Overcoming**: Write on how we as Christians have power through the Holy Spirit to overcome adversity, spiritual attack, trials, etc.
- 7. **Stepping Out**: Have you experienced a time where you stepped out in faith into something you felt the Lord leading you to?
- 8. **Love**: Has there been a time when you have been hurt by someone. Write on what God says about how we are to respond to situations in love.
- 9. **Blessing Others**: Scripture is full of verses about blessing. Find one which talks about blessing others and maybe you can add about an experience you had with blessing others.
- 10. **Reaching the Lost and Hurting**: This expands on the above topic. Write about the responsibility of the Christian in reaching a lost and hurting world. You could add to this the blessing which God gives to those who do so.
- 11. <u>Love</u>: Write about an experience with loving your spouse, child, in-law, neighbor, etc. even when it has been challenging and what scripture says about it.
- 12. **Love**: Write about God's endless love for us and that it fails not, even when we are wretched. Do you have a time you could write about when you experienced that love?
- 13. **Holidays**: Is there an upcoming holiday which you could use to trigger ideas for a devotional? You could use just about any holiday and could add memories of that holiday.



- 14. <u>Temptation</u>: Write about how the Lord helps us to overcome temptations. Give verses of help and encouragement.
- 15. **Courage**: Has there been a time when you have needed extra courage from the Lord to do something?
- 16. **Expectation**: Have you ever experienced a time when you expected something and the outcome was completely different? Write about our expectations and how we must trust God's plan and be willing to put aside our expectations.
- 17. **Hearing from God**: When you think you are hearing from God is it just you or is it God? Is He in the storm or in the quiet whisper?
- 18. **Grace**: Write about the overwhelming grace which God gives to us and what that means to you. Write about how God never gets to a point when he says to us "As of today, you are cut off, no more grace for you."
- 19. <u>Identity in Christ</u>: Write about how although many people let hurtful things from their past be their identity, we as Christians must let our identity come from Christ. We are the forgiven, loved, children of a mighty King.
- 20. <u>Life of Worship</u>: Some days seem very long and mundane, yet we were created to worship the Lord. Worship can take place any time, any where. Write about how to worship in the small moments of every day.
- 21. **Prayer**: Prayer changes things, I don't know how, it just does. Write about the power of prayer in the life of a believer. Write about an experience you have had when you saw things changed through prayer.
- 22. **Forgiveness**: Forgiveness comes from within and does not require an apology from the other person in order for us to give it. Write about God's forgiveness toward us and the example that is for us.
- 23. **<u>Doubt</u>**: Write about how strong doubt can be and if we use that doubt to lean in closer to the Lord our faith can be grown.
- 24. **Spending time in the Word**: Write about the importance of being in the Word for the life of a believer. Write about an experience you have had when you were blessed for that obedience.
- 25. **Conflict**: Conflict is difficult. Write about how we as believers are to respond in times of conflict.
- 26. **God's Faithfulness**: There are times in life when it feels like God is distant or being silent, but He is always there. Write about a time you have experienced the faithfulness of God.
- 27. **Gratitude**: God's faithfulness and provision abounds. In times of trials it is often more difficult to see those blessings. Write about the importance of being grateful and of keeping our eyes open for the blessings, especially in times of trials.



- 28. **Christian Community**: Write about the importance of Christian community in the life of a believer. Write of an experience you have had when another Christian came along side you, or when you befriended someone and the impact it had.
- 29. **Counsel**: Write about the importance of wise Christian counsel in the life of a believer and the importance of surrounding yourself with Godly people.
- 30. **Controlling the Tongue**: Scripture says "A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks. "(Luke 6:45) What are you using your tongue to speak?
- 31. <u>Bitterness</u>: Bitterness builds up when we harbor unforgiveness towards someone. Bitterness not only affects the person harboring bitterness but also those around them. Write about how the Lord can help overcome bitterness.
- 32. **Fear**: The phrase "Do not fear." is stated many times in scripture and yet we tend to forget that when we are in certain situations. Write about a time when you experienced fear and how God helped you through it.
- 33. **Thoughts**: Scripture says that we can "be transformed by the renewing of our minds". What you are thinking is important because your thoughts can trigger such things as fear, jealousy and bitterness, but they can also trigger such things as gratefulness, peace, and contentment. Which is better, and when have you experienced changes just because the Holy Spirit worked in your thoughts?
- 34. **Compassion**: Compassion can point others to Jesus. Write about a time you experienced others being shown Jesus through being shown compassion.
- 35. **Talents**: Can you write about an experience you have had with something you are an expert at? Maybe the Lord has used this in your life to bless others or you have seen Him at work in some ways through what you do. Be careful when writing this to guard yourself against boasting, be certain you are giving God the glory.
- 36. **<u>Dependence</u>**: Write about the dangers of placing our dependence for anything in another person. We are to place our dependence for all things on the Lord. This includes: finances, our self worth, our identity, our provision, our forgiveness and so much more.
- 37. **Peace**: Peace flows from God. Write about how to lean on Jesus for peace in the midst of the storms of life. Include an example from a time in your life when you experienced that peace.
- 38. <u>Trials</u>: Trials are hard, period. Write about how God uses the trials in the life of a believer for good. He will use whatever you are going through to bless others and to bring about His glory. Include an experience you have had with trials and seeing God work in them.



- 39. Presence of God: Write about a time or a place where you have experienced the overwhelming presence of God. Although He is with us all the time, there are definitely times where we experience Him in mightier ways. How can those times be encouraged and multiplied?
- 40. **Disappointment**: Write about a time in your life when you have experienced disappointment and how God turned it around for good.
- 41. **Being Stretched**: Write about a time when you were stretched and needed the Lord to see you through it. This may have been at work, at church, in a relationship or any other time.
- 42. **Challenges**: Is there a challenging you are facing or one you have faced in the past which you faced together with God. Write about the difference facing it with God made compared to what it would have been like to face it without the Lord.
- 43. **God's Power**: Write about a time you have experienced the power of God through nature and how it affected you.
- 44. **Humor**: Scripture has some very funny things in it (talking donkey, coin from the mouth of a fish, a man being swallowed by a fish, etc.). Write about a funny experience you have had and how you saw the Lord in it.
- 45. **Humility**: God encourages us to be humble. Write about a time you experienced someone's humility and how that can serve as a Christlike example.
- 46. **Generosity**: We are called to be givers. Share examples from scripture of those who gave generously, or who gave from their need. Write on how Christ calls us to give and how giving causes joy.
- 47. **Work**: For many, work life is separate from church life, yet we are called to be an example of Christ's love always. Write about how we can impact our work place by loving and serving those with whom we work. We do not have to take out our bibles and preach to someone to show them Christ's love.
- 48. **Giving Time**: Everyone is busy. But if we take the time to invest in others God will redeem the time. Write about the incredible impact you (Christ working through you) can have in someone's life if you invest time in them (it doesn't have to be a lot of time). Write about an experience you have had when someone did this for you or you did it for someone else.
- 49. Surrendering Control: We all like to feel in control of our lives but when we surrender control to the Lord incredible things can happen. Write about a time when you experienced the power of God in your life just by giving over control to Him.
- 50. **Encouraging Others**: God wants to work through us. By offering encouragement to others we offer kindness, blessing, and the Holy Spirit is freed up to do His work. Write about how we can be encouragers, include an example of a time when someone was an encourager for you.