



100 Days of Faith We Intend

Colossians 3:1-2 (NIV®)

¹ Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, **set your hearts on things above**, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. ² **Set your minds on things above**, not on earthly things.

I. Jesus & the Church

1 Corinthians 12:12-13 (NIV®)

¹² The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. ¹³ For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body--whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free--and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

Ephesians 4:15 (NIV®)

. . . **we will in all things grow up** into him who is the Head, that is, Christ.

2 Timothy 4:9-13 (NIV®)

⁹ Do your best to come to me quickly, ¹⁰ for Demas, because he loved this world, has deserted me and has gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, and Titus to Dalmatia. ¹¹ Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, because he is helpful to me in my ministry. ¹² I sent Tychicus to Ephesus. ¹³ When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, and my scrolls, especially the parchments.

II. We Intend

A. We intend to be a redeeming place

Ephesians 1:7 (NIV®)

⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace

1. A Personal God

John 3:5, 7 (NIV®)

⁵ Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth . . . **'You must be born again.'**

2. Prayer

James 5:16 (NASB®)

¹⁶ Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and **pray for one another** so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.

Romans 12:10-13 (NASB®)

¹⁰ *Be* devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor; ¹¹ not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; ¹² rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, **devoted to prayer**, ¹³ contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality.

B. We intend to be creative and innovative in serving the Lord

Isaiah 43:19 (NIV®)

See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland.

C. We intend to extend the Kingdom

Matthew 23:13 (NIV®)

Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You shut the kingdom of heaven in men's faces. You yourselves do not enter, nor will you let those enter who are trying to.

1. Sacrifice

Acts 14:22 (NIV®)

strengthening the disciples and encouraging them to remain true to the faith. "We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God," they said.

2. Significance

Philippians 3:14 (KJV®)

I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

3. Service

Matthew 7:21 (NIV®)

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

D. We intend to experience God

1. Cultivating the Fear of the Lord

2 Samuel 24:24 (NIV®)

²⁴ But the king replied to Araunah, "No, I insist on paying you for it. I will not sacrifice to the LORD my God burnt offerings that cost me nothing." So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen and paid fifty shekels of silver for them.

2. A reverence for the Spirit of God

3. By honoring His Word

Psalms 119:30, 32 (NIV®)

I have chosen the way of truth; I have set my heart on your laws. I run in the path of your commands, for you have set my heart free.

E. We intend to love our neighbor

1. People matter to God

2. Holding up the Truth

3. By serving those in need

James 1:27 (NIV®)

Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

1 Tim. 5:9-10 (NIV®)

No widow may be put on the list of widows unless she is over sixty, has been faithful to her husband, [10] and is well known for her good deeds, such as bringing up children, showing hospitality, washing the feet of the saints, helping those in trouble and devoting herself to all kinds of good deeds.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for redeeming me from an empty way of life and welcoming me into Your Kingdom. I rejoice in the hope of my salvation. Holy Spirit help me to be a strength to Your Church, to value the purposes of God and to invest my life in things of significance. May my thoughts and actions be pleasing to You. In Jesus' name, amen.

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