

Gratitude Journal

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3 things I am spiritually grateful for:

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Thank Jesus for all He's done!

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4 things in this life I am grateful for:

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Verse I am reflecting on:

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DAY 1



Read Romans 13:1

What is every soul to be subject to?

Why should every soul be subject to higher powers?

Who are the “higher powers?”

From whom does all the power come from according to this verse (verse 1)?

Who are the “powers that be” referring to in this verse?

How does believing that authorities are ordained by God affect a Christian’s attitude toward government?

Does this verse imply that all rulers act according to God’s will? Why or why not?

DAY 1



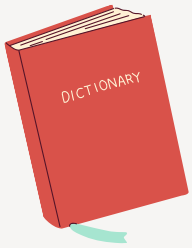
Read Romans 13:1

Look up the following verses and write down what they say and connect them with Romans 13:1:

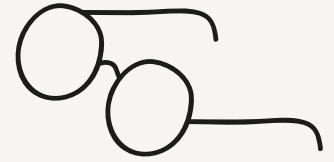
Titus 3:1 -

1 Peter 2:13 -

Acts 5:29 -



Day Two



Read Romans 13:2-5

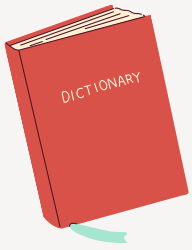
What is Paul saying when he says, “Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God?”

What does he say will happen if they resist?

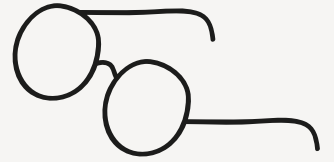
What does damnation mean in this verse?

Is this verse saying we will be damned by God, or the higher powers?

Summarize verse 3:



Day Two



What does the statement “for he is the minister of God to thee for good” mean (verse 4)?

What does he say will happen in verse 3 if you do good?

Summarize verse 4:

Verse 5 says, “wherefore.” This means that on account of what I have previously said “you must needs be subject.....” What two reasons does Paul give as to why this is true?

What is meant by “conscience sake?”



DAY THREE

Read Romans 13:6-7

Ask this question in chatgpt (www.chatgpt.com): What are the two main things an ideal government does? Write the answer chatgpt gives below:

Because of these two things, what does Paul tell the Roman believers to do and why (verse 6)?

In an ideal government, they continuously persist and persevere in doing both of these things, for they mutually depend upon and support one another!

What five things does Paul tell them to do in verse 7?



DAY FOUR

Read Romans 13:8-10



In verse 8, what is the one exception Paul gives to owing nothing to each other?

Verse 8 says by loving one another you have fulfilled the Law. Look up Galatians 5:14 and write down what it says:



Look up Romans 6:14-15 and write down what they say:

The reason he indicates that the person who loves has fulfilled the Law is to show that love is a basic universal principle. If it had been exercised as it should have been, it would have produced better human relations among the Jews than the Law even advocates.



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In verse 9 what examples does he give of those who love and what they will not do:

What does he then say the sum is?

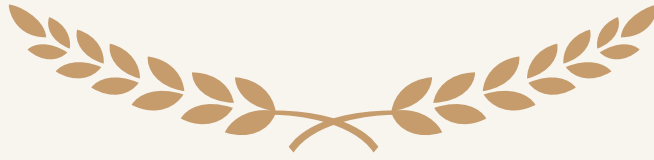
According to verse 10, what does love not do?

How is love the fulfillment of the Law (See Romans 7:12)?



DAY FIVE

Read Romans 13:11-14



Verse 11 says, “And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.” Goes on in verse 12a to say, “The night is far spent, the day is at hand:”

Look up the following verses and write down what they say:

Ephesians 5:16 -

1 Corinthians 15:34 -

1 Thessalonians 4:15-17 -

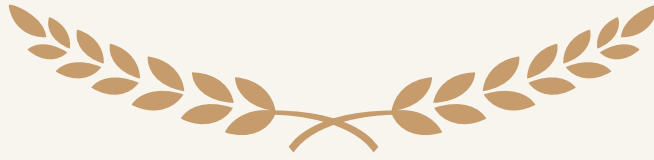
Philippians 3:21 -

Because the day is at hand, what 3 things does Paul tell us to do in verses 12b and 13a?



DAY FIVE

Read Romans 13:11-14



What 6 things does he tell us not to do in verse 13b?



What two actions does verse 14 instruct us to practice in contrast to the behavior that verse 13b warns us to avoid?

How do we “make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof” (see Galatians 5:16-26)?



