

14 Days Radical Discipleship Challenge

Hyde Park Seventh-day Adventist Church

Key Text: Psalm 119:11 – “Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against you.”

Fourteen Days of Spiritual Preparation for Ministry

- A. **Bible Readings**—Follow the 14 Days Bible Reading Plan Readings should be done morning and evening. Read and meditate on the assigned passages. Keep a journal of the spiritual lessons that you discover.
- B. **Spiritual Meditations**—Follow the 14 Days Devotional Guide (Read and prayerfully meditate on the passages and quotes for each day; share your thoughts with your prayer partner(s); and use the daily passages and quotes to inform your prayer focus for the day)
- C. **Prayer Time**—Dedicate at least 3 times daily for intercessory prayer (Each prayer time should be at least 10 – 15 minutes; do not break your appointment with the Lord)
- D. **24/7 Plugged In**—Intentionally seek maintain unbroken communion with God (find ways to pray through life event; keep your mind centered on spiritual things and your walk with the Lord throughout the day)
- E. **Prayer/Accountability Partners**—Prayerfully select two – three prayer partners. Commit to praying at least once daily with your prayer partners.
- F. **Prayer List**—Develop a prayer list that includes aspects of your life that you are surrendering to God. Include in your list the strongholds in your life that God needs to demolish. In addition, include at least fourteen (14) persons in your circle of family and friends that you would like God to bless/save
- G. **Guarding Your Heart**—with your accountability partner prayerfully commit to the following: Avoid...
 - I. Reading, listening to, watching things that are not spiritually uplifting

- II. Unhealthy and un-Christ-like habits
- III. Unnecessary adornment—path of radical simplicity
- IV. Distractions—social media, and places and activities that are unwholesome for Christians

Bible Reading Plan

Day 1 – Psalm 119:1-8; Galatians 1

Day 2 – Psalm 119:9-16; Galatians 2

Day 3 – Psalm 119:17-24; Galatians 3

Day 4 – Psalm 119:25-32; Galatians 4

Day 5 – Psalm 119:33-40; Galatians 5

Day 6 – Psalm 119:40-48; Galatians 6

Day 7 – Psalm 119:49-80; Ephesians 1 – 3

Day 8 – Psalm 119:81-96; Ephesians 4 – 5

Day 9 – Psalm 119:96-112; Ephesians 6 – Philippians 1

Day 10 – Psalm 119:113-128; Philippians 2 - 3

Day 11 – Psalm 119:129-144; Philippians 4 – Colossians 1

Day 12 – Psalm 119:145-160; Colossians 2

Day 13 – Psalm 119:161-168; Colossians 3

Day 14 – Psalm 119:169-176; Colossians 4

Devotional Reading Guide

Week 1—Repentance and Surrender to God

Day 1

Scripture:

“Come now, and let us reason together,” Says the LORD, “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool.” (Isaiah 1:18, *NKJV*)

Quote:

“But when the heart yields to the influence of the Spirit of God, the conscience will be quickened, and the sinner will discern something of the depth and sacredness of God’s holy law, the foundation of His government in heaven and on earth. The “Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world,” illumines the secret chambers of the soul, and the hidden things of darkness are made manifest. John 1:9. Conviction takes hold upon the mind and heart. The sinner has a sense of the righteousness of Jehovah and feels the terror of appearing, in his own guilt and uncleanness, before the Searcher of hearts. He sees the love of God, the beauty of holiness, the joy of purity; he longs to be cleansed and to be restored to communion with Heaven.” (EGW, *Steps to Christ*, 24)

Day 2

Scripture:

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.” (1 John 1:8-9, *NKJV*)

Quote:

“Not only to the youth, but to those of mature years, and to those who are descending the hill of life and facing the western sun, the life of Solomon is full of warning. We see and hear of unsteadiness in youth, the young wavering between right and wrong, and the current of evil passions proving too strong for them. In those of maturer years, we do not look for this unsteadiness and unfaithfulness; we expect the character to be established, the principles firmly rooted. But this is not always so. When Solomon should have been in character as a sturdy oak, he fell from his steadfastness under the power of temptation. When his strength should have been the firmest, he was found to be the weakest.

From such examples we should learn that in watchfulness and prayer is the only safety for both young and old... In the battle with inward sin and outward temptation, even the wise and powerful Solomon was vanquished. His failure teaches us that, whatever a man’s intellectual qualities may be, and however faithfully he may have

served God in the past, he can never with safety trust in his own wisdom and integrity.” (EGW, *Prophets and Kings*, 83)

Day 3

Scripture:

“For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.” (Psalm 51:3, *NIV*)

Quote:

“But when in ease and self-security he let go his hold upon God, David yielded to Satan and brought upon his soul the stain of guilt. He, the Heaven-appointed leader of the nation, chosen by God to execute His law, himself trampled upon its precepts. He who should have been a terror to evildoers, by his own act strengthened their hands...

Those who, by pointing to the example of David, try to lessen the guilt of their own sins, should learn from the Bible record that the way of transgression is hard. Though like David they should turn from their evil course, the results of sin, even in this life, will be found bitter and hard to bear.” (EGW, *Patriarchs and Prophets*, 718 and 723)

Day 4

Scripture:

“For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward those who fear Him; As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us.” (Psalm 103: 11-12, *NKJV*)

Quote:

“Many have murmured at what they called God’s injustice in sparing David, whose guilt was so great, after having rejected Saul for what appear to them to be far less flagrant sins. But David humbled himself and confessed his sin, while Saul despised reproof and hardened his heart in impenitence.” (EGW, *Patriarchs and Prophets*, 726)

Day 5

Scripture:

“The sacrifices of God *are* a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart—These, O God, You will not despise.” (Psalm 51:17, *NKJV*)

Quote:

“The warfare against self is the greatest battle that was ever fought. The yielding of self, surrendering all to the will of God, requires a struggle; but the soul must submit to God before it can be renewed in holiness.” (EGW, *Steps to Christ*, 43)

Day 6

Scripture:

“Then Mary said, “Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.” (Luke 1:38, *NKJV*)

Quote:

“Many are inquiring, “*How* am I to make the surrender of myself to God?” You desire to give yourself to Him, but you are weak in moral power, in slavery to doubt, and controlled by the habits of your life of sin. Your promises and resolutions are like ropes of sand. You cannot control your thoughts, your impulses, your affections. The knowledge of your broken promises and forfeited pledges weakens your confidence in your own sincerity, and causes you to feel that God cannot accept you; but you need not despair. What you need to understand is the true force of the will. This is the governing power in the nature of man, the power of decision, or of choice. Everything depends on the right action of the will. The power of choice God has given to men; it is theirs to exercise. You cannot change your heart, you cannot of yourself give to God its affections; but you can *choose* to serve Him. You can give Him your will; He will then work in you to will and to do according to His good pleasure. Thus your whole nature will be brought under the control of the Spirit of Christ; your affections will be centered upon Him, your thoughts will be in harmony with Him.” (EGW, *Steps to Christ*, 47)

Day 7**Scripture:**

“Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.” (Romans 12:1, *NIV*)

Quote:

“The surrender must be complete. Every weak, doubting, struggling soul who yields fully to the Lord is placed in direct touch with agencies that enable him to overcome. Heaven is near to him, and he has the support and help of angels of mercy in every time of trial and need.” (EGW, *Acts of the Apostles*, 299)

Week 2—Seeking the Infilling Holy Spirit and Holiness**Day 8****Scripture:**

“Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.” (Genesis 1:2-3, *NIV*)

Quote:

“Under the Holy Spirit’s working even the weakest, by exercising faith in God, learned to improve their entrusted powers and to become sanctified, refined, and ennobled. As in humility they submitted to the molding influence of the Holy Spirit, they received of

the fullness of the Godhead and were fashioned in the likeness of the divine.” (EGW, *Acts of the Apostles*, 49)

Day 9

Scripture:

“He said to me, “This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, says the LORD of hosts.” (Zechariah 4:6, *NRSV*)

Quote:

“Since this is the means by which we are to receive power, why do we not hunger and thirst for the gift of the Spirit? Why do we not talk of it, pray for it, and preach concerning it? The Lord is more willing to give the Holy Spirit to those who serve Him than parents are to give good gifts to their children. For the daily baptism of the Spirit every worker should offer his petition to God.” (EGW, *Acts of the Apostles*, 50)

Day 10

Scripture:

You who are named the house of Jacob: “Is the Spirit of the LORD restricted? *Are* these His doings? Do not My words do good to him who walks uprightly?” (Micah 2:7, *NKJV*)

Quote:

“There is no limit to the usefulness of the one who, putting self aside, makes room for the working of the Holy Spirit upon his heart and lives a life wholly consecrated to God.”

“So mightily can God work when men give themselves up to the control of His Spirit.” (EGW, *Testimonies*, vol. 8, 19 and 20)

Day 11

Scripture:

“And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions.” (Joel 2:28, *NIV*)

Quote:

“What was the result of the outpouring of the Spirit on the Day of Pentecost? The glad tidings of a risen Saviour were carried to the uttermost parts of the inhabited world. As the disciples proclaimed the message of redeeming grace, hearts yielded to the power of this message. The church beheld converts flocking to her from all directions. Backsliders were reconverted. Sinners united with believers in seeking the pearl of great price. Some who had been bitterest opponents of the gospel became its champions.” (EGW, *Acts of the Apostles*, 48)

Day 12

Scripture:

“For I *am* the LORD who brings you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God. You shall therefore be holy, for I *am* holy.” (Leviticus 11:45, *NKJV*)

Quote:

“The followers of Christ are to become like Him—by the grace of God to form characters in harmony with the principles of His holy law. This is Bible sanctification.

This work can be accomplished only through faith in Christ, by the power of the indwelling Spirit of God.” (EGW, *Great Controversy*, 469)

Day 13

Scripture:

“Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I *am* the LORD your God.” (Leviticus 20:7, *NKJV*)

“And you shall be holy to Me, for I the LORD *am* holy, and have separated you from the peoples, that you should be Mine.” (Leviticus 20:26, *NKJV*)

Quote:

“The heavenly principles that distinguish those who are one with Christ from those who are one with the world have become almost indistinguishable. The professed followers of Christ are no longer a separate and peculiar people. The line of demarcation is indistinct. The people are subordinating themselves to the world, to its practices, its customs, its selfishness. The Church has gone over to the world in transgression of the law, when the world should have come over to the church in obedience to the law. Daily the church is being converted to the world.” (EGW, *Christ Object Lessons*, 315)

Day 14

Scripture:

“...just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love,” (Ephesians 1:4, *NKJV*)

Quote:

“Those who love [God] with all the heart will desire to give Him the best service of the life, constantly seeking to bring every power of their being into harmony with His will.” (EGW, *From Eternity Past*, 244)

Covenant With God

COVENANT TO BE A FAITHFUL STEWARD OF...

- **GOD'S TIME—PRIORITIZING GOD**
 - Regular personal devotions
 - Spend time in bible study
 - Regular times for prayer and meditation each day
 - Punctuality for church services
 - Wise use of time
 - Adequate time for rest, relaxation, re-creation
 - Quality time for relationships
 - Sabbath faithfulness

- **GOD'S TREASURES—HONORING GOD**
 - 10 % of earnings for tithes
 - *First-fruits* dedicated to God
 - At least 5 % of earnings for offerings
 - Thank offerings
 - Investment offerings
 - Sacrificial giving to work of God
 - Planning for the future of God's work

- **GOD'S TALENTS—SERVING GOD AND OTHERS**
 - Use skills and gifts in God's service
 - Use gifts to bless others
 - Invest gifts to advance God's cause
 - Develop gifts and talents

- **GOD'S BODY TEMPLE—OBEYING GOD**
 - Living in obedience to God's Law
 - Living in obedience to the Kingdom principles
 - Purity—thoughts, words and actions
 - Health and Temperance
 - Guarding the avenues of the soul
 - Simplicity and Modesty