



Taking Faith Home

December 9, 2018

Please take this devotion outline and put it into practice.

May God richly bless you! *Pastor Dan Decker*

The following is offered as a daily discipline for your reading, study, prayer, and praise.

I. Begin with: *In the Name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

II. . Confess the Ninth Commandment: You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
What does this mean? - We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.

III. PSALM OF THE WEEK: Psalm 85:1-9

IV. PRAYER OF THE WEEK: Lord God, I like to think that this commandment is easy to keep. But I know better. Even as I have seen others envy me when I have something special, or was with someone special, I also know how to be jealous. It is hard to be content with who I am and what I have. Since I was very little I've been taught to gain and get ahead, to succeed and take a full measure of this world's pleasures. Now I hear You warning me to be careful that I do not seek any supposed happiness at the expense of my brother, my sister, or my neighbor. . Help me to trust in what the Apostle Paul says of You in Romans 8:32: *He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?* Give me the faith to trust that if You were willing to give Jesus to be my Savior, then You will surely give to me all the other things I truly need in life. This I ask through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

V. DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Sunday- Psalm 85:10-13

Monday-Zephaniah 3:1-13

Tuesday-Zephaniah 3:14-20

Wednesday-Philippians 4:1-3

Thursday-Philippians 4:4-7

Friday-Luke 7:18-29

Saturday-John 17:12-19

VI. DAILY PRAYERS (Please try to focus your prayers on the theme of each day):

Sunday: Pray for St. Paul's members to experience the joy of Jesus' resurrection and for the faithful preaching and hearing of God's Word.

Monday: Pray in thanksgiving for your Baptism, for your coworkers and the unemployed; for the hungry and homeless; for the widowed and orphaned and for all those in prison.

Tuesday: Pray that God's Word would guide your daily decisions, for those who have fallen away from the Church, and for all unbelievers.

Wednesday: Pray for those who serve in our government and military; first responders and all who protect us; for your family and friends, and for those who are in adult and junior confirmation classes.

Thursday: Pray in thanksgiving for the privilege of receiving the Lord's Supper.

Friday: Pray for all Christians who are experiencing persecution because of the Faith and for all who experience mental and physical pain; for the sick and dying and for all those who care for them.

Saturday: Pray that the Holy Spirit would draw His people to His House.

VII. SPECIAL PETITIONS FOR THIS WEEK: Pray God's blessings on members inviting unchurched friends and relatives to our Christmas Eve services.

Weekly Bible Studies

SUNDAYS AT 9:15A *ROUTE 66: THE LIFE OF CHRIST THROUGH THE GOSPELS*
FELLOWSHIP HALL FOR MORE INFORMATION: PASTOR DAN DECKER (754-4471 EXT. 300)

SUNDAYS AT 9:30A *ADULT BIBLE STUDY*
SCHOOL: ROOM 204 FOR MORE INFORMATION: KATHY PINGEL (754-4471 EXT. 306)

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY AT 9:30A **NOT MEETING IN DECEMBER** *THE GOSPEL OF LUKE*
FELLOWSHIP HALL WITH PASTOR DAN DECKER

WEDNESDAYS AT 9A *WOMEN'S STUDY*
SCHOOL ROOM 204 FOR MORE INFORMATION: KATHY PINGEL (754-4471 EXT. 306)

WEDNESDAYS AT 2AP *WOMEN'S STUDY*
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THURSDAY BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY AT 6:30A *RAY VANDER LAAN: FAITH LESSONS*
FELLOWSHIP HALL WITH BARRY & RUTH WIER (608-752-9330)

THURSDAYS AT 6P *WOMEN'S STUDY*
SCHOOL ROOM 204 FOR MORE INFORMATION: KATHY PINGEL (754-4471 EXT. 306)