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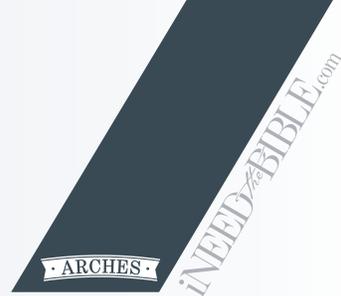
*Devotional
Guide*

FOR USE WITH ARCHES DEVOTIONAL JOURNAL

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THINGS YOU'LL NEED:

-  Bible
-  Pen or pencil
-  ARCHES Devotional Guide
-  ARCHES Devotional Journal (free download)
-  Something yummy to sip (OK, it's not a need, but it's fun and yummy. Did I already say that?)



QUESTIONS?

Don't get lost. See FAQ'S & ARCHES How-To Guide in your ARCHES Journal if you're wondering what to do in a particular section.

"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work." 2 Timothy 3:16

"I don't have time to read the Bible."

Uh-oh, I've let this lie rob me of spending time with the Savior before. Yuck. I don't want to choose chatting, learning, cooking, playing, working, or cell-staring (beware of made up words) over spending time with God. If you know what I mean by cell-staring then, like me, you've probably had your eyes glued to your cell-phone at one time or another when you could have been doing a jillion more productive things. It happens. The thing is God doesn't say we can't learn, work, chat, or play. But, ultimately He should be most important in our lives. If He's most important in our lives, I'm thinking we'll want to spend time with Him, and in His Word. Let's think of His Word as a gift to us. We get to read this amazing collection of writings from the the Creator of the Universe. So, let's read them. Soak them in. Listen to them. And, most importantly let's love Him.

O.K. so as you dive into this devotional guide be prepared to enjoy the Word of God. Be prepared to dig deeper, ask questions, and find answers. Be prepared to worship God. When you use the prayer journal portion called *Enter In* simply list your praise and prayer requests using keywords, you know, kind of like hashtags that give the main idea. Why? because the goal of *Enter In* is primarily to pray! So #pray. Talk to God. Acknowledge His greatness. Refresh your soul. For those of you writers out there who think keyword prayer journals are horrible, don't worry. The *Free Write* section will come to your rescue. It's open for all writing throughout your devotion time.

Another thing. If you're sipping tea, having a bit of cake (chocolate of course) and loving your time in the Word, but then choke on the cake because you're asked to jot down facts from Bible history, key facts about a person mentioned in the verse, or Greek and Hebrew definitions, relax. It's going to be OK. Take care of the cake issue. Then use your staring device—your cell-phone or computer—to look up blueletterbible.org. It's packed full of study and devotional materials.

On the home page of blueletterbible.org you'll immediately see a place to look up verses. If you're anything like me, you'll get all clicky from there as you discover various tools including, an interlinear Bible, commentaries, dictionaries, cross-references and more. You can also start at the home page and click on *study* at the top, then click on *Encyclopedias/Dictionaries* if you want to look up info about a certain topic or a special someone. For example, if you want to know more about Paul click on "P" and scroll your way down to find his name. Yay! What a great resource, right!? So, just remember whatever resources you choose to use to supplement your devotional time compare everything you read with the Word of God. Make sure you're taking in truth based on His Word.

Oh, this is fun! You're going to be amazed by God and His Word. Keep reading and praying on the hard days. God will keep speaking through His Word on those days as well. And, lovely, as lovely can be—He won't ever leave you. He'll always love you!

OK. I'll stop now. My words are not important compared to the words you're about to read!

Love you, friends.



P.S. Each day is started with the *Enter In* journal page. I want to encourage you to end each day with prayer as well. Talk to God. Thank Him for His Word, His guidance, and His love. O.K. I'm seriously gonna let God's Word do the talking now, my daily instructions and input will be brief.



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DAY 01

DAY 02

DAY 03

DAY 04

DAY 05

ENTER IN:

Start your devotional time with God by praying. List praise and prayer requests in your journal. Additional suggested prayer topics will be included daily by way of hash tags if you'd like to use them. Additional Prayer Topic: #Godmakesallthingspossible

BIBLE:

Read Matthew 19:16-30

DOORWAY TO DISCOVERY:

Record the date in the *Doorway to Discovery* portion of your journal. List Matthew 19:16-30 as the section read. List Matthew 19:24-26 as the section you'll *Apply ARCHES* to. Based on Matthew 19:24-26 complete the section labeled *Application*. Do not complete anything after the word *STOP*.

TREASURE:

Add Matthew 19:26 to your *Treasure* journal page. Complete the *split sections* and *sketches* portions for Matthew 19:26 as well. Circle the first word of each split section.

ENTER IN:

Start your devotional time with God by praying. List praise and prayer requests in your journal. Additional Prayer Topic: #peoplewhoneedGod

BIBLE:

Read Matthew 19:24-26

DOORWAY TO DISCOVERY:

Based on Matthew 19:24-26 complete the section labeled *Relationships*.

1st Question: List the author of the book of Matthew as well as the person who is speaking in Matthew 19:26.

2nd Question: Answer who the speaker in the verse is speaking to.

Use the encyclopedia /dictionaries on blueletterbible.org, or use your study Bible, to gather key facts about people mentioned in Matthew 19:24-26. Don't forget to identify who *them* refers to.

ENTER IN:

Start your devotional time with God by praying. List praise and prayer requests in your journal. Additional Prayer Topic: #thankfulforsalvation

BIBLE:

Read Matthew 19 aloud

DOORWAY TO DISCOVERY:

Based on Matthew 19:24-26 complete the section labeled *Context Connections*. See the *Doorway to Discovery How-To Guide* for more information on how to complete each section.

ENTER IN:

Start your devotional time with God by praying. List praise and prayer requests in your journal. Additional Prayer Topic: #followingGod

BIBLE:

Read Matthew 19:16-30

DOORWAY TO DISCOVERY:

Based on Matthew 19:24-26 complete the section labeled *Cross-Reference Connections*.

ENTER IN:

Start your devotional time with God by praying. List praise and prayer requests in your journal. Additional Prayer Topic: #thankfulforJesussacrifice

BIBLE:

Listen to Matthew 19 on Bible.is (they have an app, or you can go to the website).

DOORWAY TO DISCOVERY:

Based on Matthew 19:24-26 complete the section labeled *History*.

Use the Bible text, your study Bible, and/or blueletterbible.org to find these answers. Make sure answers line up with Scripture. It's OK to leave the section blank if you can't find an answer.



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DAY 10

ENTER IN:

Start your devotional time with God by praying. List praise and prayer requests in your journal. Additional Prayer Topic: *#trusting-God*

BIBLE:

Read Matthew 19:24-26

DOORWAY TO DISCOVERY:

Based on Matthew 19:24-26 complete the entire section labeled *Exact Words*. Use blueletterbible.org to look up words in Greek and Hebrew.

Only list as many keywords as you'd like to look up. You don't have to fill the keyword spaces.

ENTER IN:

Start your devotional time with God by praying. List praise and prayer requests in your journal. Additional Prayer Topic: *#stuff-doesntmatter*

BIBLE:

Read Matthew 19:16-30

DOORWAY TO DISCOVERY:

Based on Matthew 19:24-26 complete the section labeled *Savior*. Then turn back to the first page under the word *STOP* to complete the rest of the application section.

ENTER IN:

Start your devotional time with God by praying. List praise and prayer requests in your journal. Additional Prayer Topic: *#itsnotaboutme*

BIBLE:

Read Matthew 20:17-28

ON TOPIC:

Start an *On Topic* journal page for the topic *relationships*. Add, and comment on, Matthew 20:26-27.

Then, in the next box add, and comment on, Matthew 20:28. When you comment in the notes section, briefly summarize the verse and share how it applies to you personally.

TREASURE:

Review Matthew 19:26. Try and write the verse on a separate sheet of paper without looking. Think of your split sections, sketches, and circled words.

ENTER IN:

Start your devotional time with God by praying. List praise and prayer requests in your journal. Additional Prayer Topic: *#help-meloveothers*

BIBLE:

Read John 13:1-20

ON TOPIC:

Add John 13:14-15 to your *On Topic* journal page labeled *Relationships*. When you comment in the notes section, briefly summarize the verse and share how it applies to you personally.

ENTER IN:

Start your devotional time with God by praying. List praise and prayer requests in your journal. Additional Prayer Topic: *#show-mehowtoreachout*

BIBLE:

Read John 13:21-38

ON TOPIC:

Add John 13:34-35 to your *On Topic* journal page labeled *Relationships*. When you comment in the notes section, briefly summarize the verse and share how it applies to you personally.



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DAY 15

ENTER IN:

Start your devotional time with God by praying. List praise and prayer requests in your journal. Additional Prayer Topic: #lovegenuinely

BIBLE:

Read Romans 12

LIVE IT:

Add Romans 12:10 to your *Live It* journal page. List "outdo" in the box labeled *Action Word*. Then finish the section.

LIVE IT:

Add Romans 12:13 to your *Live It* journal page. List "contribute" in the box labeled *Action Word*. Then finish the section.

LIVE IT:

Add Romans 12:14 to your *Live It* journal page. List "bless" in the box labeled *Action Word* and finish the section.

ENTER IN:

Start your devotional time with God by praying. List praise and prayer requests in your journal. Additional Prayer Topic: #live-honorably

BIBLE:

Read Romans 12 aloud to yourself

LIVE IT:

Add Romans 12:15 to your *Live It* journal page. List "rejoice/weep" in the box labeled *Action Word*. Then finish the section.

LIVE IT:

Add Romans 12:16 to your *Live It* journal page. List "associate" in the box labeled *Action Word*. Then finish the section.

LIVE IT:

Add Romans 12:18 to your *Live It* journal page. List "live" in the box labeled *Action Word*. Then finish the section.

ENTER IN:

Start your devotional time with God by praying. List praise and prayer requests in your journal. Additional Prayer Topic: #lovingenemies

BIBLE:

Listen to Romans 12 on Bible.is (they have an app, or you can go to the website).

LIVE IT:

Add Romans 12:19 to your *Live It* journal page. List "avenge" in the box labeled *Action Word*. Then finish the section.

LIVE IT:

Add Romans 12:20 to your *Live It* journal page. List "feed/give/heap" in the box labeled *Action Word*. Then finish the section.

ENTER IN:

Start your devotional time with God by praying. List praise and prayer requests in your journal. Additional Prayer Topic: #GodsWord

BIBLE:

Read Romans 12 to a friend or family member

TREASURE:

Pick your favorite verse from Romans 12 and add it to your *Treasure*. If you're not sure which one to pick try adding Romans 12:9-10. Complete the *Split Sections* and *Sketches* portion. Circle the first word of each split section.

FREE WRITE:

Re-write Romans 12:3 in your *Free Write* journal. Circle the phrase, "not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think," then answer the following questions.

QUESTIONS:

According to Romans 12:3 how should we think of ourselves? What do we need to know about the body of Christ according to Romans 12:4-8? How do you think knowing this can help us develop healthy relationships?

ENTER IN:

Start your devotional time with God by praying. List praise and prayer requests in your journal. Additional Prayer Topic: #glorytoGod

BIBLE:

Read Romans 15:1-7

FREE WRITE:

Answer the following questions in your *Free Write* journal. Restate the questions in your answers.

QUESTIONS:

According to Romans 15:1, what should we "not" do?

In verse 2 how should we please our neighbor?

According to verse 4 what should the encouragement of the Scriptures give us?

According to verse 5 what can God help us do?

Rewrite the ultimate purpose of our healthy relationships found in Romans 15:6-7



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DAY 20

ENTER IN:

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BIBLE:

Read Philippians 2

DOORWAY TO DISCOVERY:

Record the date in the *Doorway to Discovery* portion of your journal. List Philippians 2 as the section read. List Philippians 2:3-5 as the section you'll *Apply ARCHES* to. Based on Philippians 2:3-5 complete the section labeled *Application*. Do not complete anything after the word *STOP*.

TREASURE:

Add Philippians 2:3-4 to your *Treasure* and complete the *Split Sections* and *Sketches*. Circle the first word of each split section. Review all three verses by trying to say them out loud to yourself while only looking at your sketches. Then, try to say them to a friend or family member.

ENTER IN:

Start your devotional time with God by praying. List praise and prayer requests in your journal. Additional Prayer Topic: *#givegrace*

BIBLE:

Read Philippians 2:1-11

DOORWAY TO DISCOVERY:

Based on Philippians 2:3-5 complete the section labeled *Relationships*.

Look to Philippians 1:1 for the author and intended recipients. You can also get help from other resources like a study Bible or blueletterbible.org. Always make sure your answers line up with the Bible.

ENTER IN:

Start your devotional time with God by praying. List praise and prayer requests in your journal. Additional Prayer Topic: *#thankful*

BIBLE:

Listen to Philippians 2 on Bible.is

DOORWAY TO DISCOVERY:

Based on Philippians 2:3-5 complete the section labeled *Context Connections*.

ENTER IN:

Start your devotional time with God by praying. List praise and prayer requests in your journal. Additional Prayer Topic: *#make-measervant*

BIBLE:

Read Philippians 2:3-5 aloud

DOORWAY TO DISCOVERY:

Based on Philippians 2:3-5 complete the section labeled *Cross-Reference Connections*.

ENTER IN:

Start your devotional time with God by praying. List praise and prayer requests in your journal. Additional Prayer Topic: *#love-God*

BIBLE:

Read Philippians 2 aloud

DOORWAY TO DISCOVERY:

Based on Philippians 2:3-5 complete the section labeled *History*. Use the Bible text, your study Bible, and/or blueletterbible.org to find these answers. Make sure answers line up with Scripture. It's OK to leave the section blank if you can't find an answer.

TREASURE:

Review all three verses by trying to record yourself saying them out loud while only looking at your sketches. Then, try to say them to a friend or family member.



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DAY 25

ENTER IN:

Start your devotional time with God by praying. List praise and prayer requests in your journal. Additional Prayer Topic: *#changeme*

BIBLE:

Read Philippians 2:3-5

DOORWAY TO DISCOVERY:

Based on Philippians 2:3-5 complete the entire section labeled *Exact Words*. Use blueletterbible.org to look up words in Greek and Hebrew.

ENTER IN:

Start your devotional time with God by praying. List praise and prayer requests in your journal. Additional Prayer Topic: *#thosein-need*

BIBLE:

Read Philippians 2 (the whole chapter)

DOORWAY TO DISCOVERY:

Based on Philippians 2:3-5 complete the section labeled *Savior*.

Then turn back to the first page under the word *STOP* to complete the rest of the application section.

ENTER IN:

Start your devotional time with God by praying. List praise and prayer requests in your journal. Additional Prayer Topic: *#servantofGod*

BIBLE:

Read 1 Peter 2 & 4 (both chapters)

DOORWAY TO DISCOVERY:

Record the date in the *Doorway to Discovery* portion of your journal. List 1 Peter 2 & 4 as the section read.

List 1 Peter 2:15-16 & 4:8 as the section you'll *Apply ARCHES* to.

Based on 1 Peter 2:15-16 & 4:8 complete the section labeled *Application*. Do not complete anything after the word *STOP*.

ENTER IN:

Start your devotional time with God by praying. List praise and prayer requests in your journal. Additional Prayer Topic: *#out-reach*

BIBLE:

Read 1 Peter 2:15-16 & 4:8

DOORWAY TO DISCOVERY:

Based on 1 Peter 2:15-16 & 4:8 complete the section labeled *Relationships*. Look to 1 Peter 1:1 for the author and intended recipients.

You can also get help from other resources like a study Bible or blueletterbible.org. Always make sure your answers line up with the Bible.

ENTER IN:

Start your devotional time with God by praying. List praise and prayer requests in your journal. Additional Prayer Topic: *#thankfulforhealing*

BIBLE:

Listen to 1 Peter 2 & 4 on Bible.is (both chapters)

DOORWAY TO DISCOVERY:

Based on 1 Peter 2:15-16 & 4:8 complete the section labeled *Context Connections*.



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DAY 30

ENTER IN:

Start your devotional time with God by praying. List praise and prayer requests in your journal. Additional Prayer Topic: *#needJesus*

BIBLE:

Read 1 Peter 2:15-16 & 4:8 aloud

DOORWAY TO DISCOVERY:

Based on 1 Peter 2:15-16 & 4:8 complete the section labeled *Cross-Reference Connections*.

ENTER IN:

Start your devotional time with God by praying. List praise and prayer requests in your journal. Additional Prayer Topic: *#forgiveothers*

BIBLE:

Read 1 Peter 2 & 4 aloud (both chapters)

DOORWAY TO DISCOVERY:

Based on 1 Peter 2:15-16 & 4:8 complete the section labeled *History*. Use the Bible text, your study Bible, and/or blueletterbible.org to find these answers.

Make sure answers line up with Scripture. It's OK to leave the section blank if you can't find an answer.

TREASURE:

Review all three verses. Then recite them, without looking, to a friend or family member. Try to picture your *Sketches*, *Split Sections*, and circled words as you say them.

ENTER IN:

Start your devotional time with God by praying. List praise and prayer requests in your journal. Additional Prayer Topic: *#Godisgood*

BIBLE:

Read 1 Peter 2:15-16 & 4:8

DOORWAY TO DISCOVERY:

Based on 1 Peter 2:15-16 & 4:8 complete the entire section labeled *Exact Words*. Use blueletterbible.org to look up words in Greek and Hebrew.

QUESTIONS:

How do the verses about Jesus, His interaction with the disciples, and the way He lived help you see how to develop healthy relationships? See Matthew 19:26, John 13:14-15, and their surrounding verses again.

TREASURE:

Review the verses in your *Treasure*. Try to say them to a friend or family member.

ENTER IN:

Ask God to help you remember, and apply, the truth you've discovered in His Word throughout this study. Blessings to you as you continue to study God's Word. Continue with another *ARCHES Devotional Guide*, or simply use the *ARCHES Devotional Journal* to study the Bible. Whatever you choose. Stay in the Word. And, "...love one another earnestly from a pure heart." 1 Peter 1:22

ENTER IN:

Start your devotional time with God by praying. List praise and prayer requests in your journal. Additional Prayer Topic: *#howcanichange*

BIBLE:

Read 1 Peter 2 & 4 (both chapters)

DOORWAY TO DISCOVERY:

Based on 1 Peter 2:15-16 & 4:8 complete the section labeled *Savior* and turn back to the first page under the word *STOP* to complete the rest of the application section.

ENTER IN:

Start your devotional time with God by praying. List praise and prayer requests in your journal. Additional Prayer Topic: *#God-makesallthingspossible*

BIBLE:

Read 1 Peter 4:9, 5:6, and 3:8-9

FREE WRITE:

Look back through your devotional journal and find your favorite verse from this study. Write out the verse and how it applies to your life. Answer the following questions in your *Free Write* journal.