

DAY 6

“The purpose of my instruction is that all believers would be filled with love that comes from a pure heart, a clear conscience, and genuine faith.”

1 Timothy 1:5 NLT

Love, a pure heart, a good conscience, a sincere faith—those don't seem like the easiest things to have, do they? Maybe we all want to be people who easily love others, or have good hearts, or make wise choices, or have a deep faith in God. But actually doing those things? Much harder! The good news is that we don't have to do it alone. The moment we believe in and follow Jesus, the Holy Spirit comes to live in us. And it's only with the Spirit of God living in us that we can transform into the people God calls us to be.

This week, pick just one of the qualities this verse lists, and ask God to help grow that in you. As you focus on that, let it remind you of the God who made you!

DAY 7

“He was there before anything was made, and all things continue because of him.”

Colossians 1:17 NCV

One of the best ways to get to know more about God is to study God's Word in Scripture. Memorizing verses like this one can help you see God in the world around you. It opens your eyes to God's creation!

This week, record yourself saying this verse aloud. Then, go for a walk and listen to it as you do. Look for evidence of God in creation around you and in the words of Scripture.

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DAY 1

“For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.”

Colossians 1:16 NIV

No matter where you come from, what you look like, or what characteristics you have, you were created uniquely with the same care by the same God who formed all the people around you. Because of that, we should make it a goal to treat everyone we come into contact with in our lives as though they're just like us—a loved creation of the Creator. That's exactly what Jesus, God's only Son, did when He walked this planet. The more we learn about and get to know one another, the more we'll learn about and see God's work in creating us uniquely.

Pray this week that you would begin to see all people as God's beautiful and unique creations just the way Jesus did.

DAY 2

“For I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.” Jeremiah 29:11 NLT

In the midst of any doubt, confusion, or pain you might be feeling, remember that God promises to provide, care for, and protect us. That's why God sent the Holy Spirit to live in us, so we never have to be alone in what we're facing! God promises to direct your future down the best possible path. Even when you can't see how God is working, you can trust that the Spirit of God is working. Let creation around you—the beauty you see in others and the world—remind you of that.

Take a minute to pray that you would be reminded of the God who created everything and the Holy Spirit working in your life every single day.

DAY 3

“You alone are the Lord. You made the skies and the heavens and all the stars. You made the earth and the seas and everything in them. You preserve them all, and the angels of heaven worship you.” Nehemiah 9:6 NLT

Take a few moments to step outside after you read this verse. You’ll be surrounded by all that God has made! Everything—the sky, trees, smells, sounds, people, and animals—they’re all a part of the world God made. And each one uniquely reflects a part of who God is. Each one shows a bit of God’s great creativity, beauty, power, and strength. The more you look and listen to God’s creation at work around you, the more you can see about the Creator behind it.

Make a list of three things you see in the world around you that God has made. What do those things say or show you about who God is?

DAY 4

“I am the one who made the earth and created people to live on it. With my hands I stretched out the heavens. All the stars are at my command.” Isaiah 45:12 NLT

Have you ever created something with your own hands? No matter what it was, it was probably important to you because you created it. In a similar way, our Creator also places value on the things created by God—the stars, the earth, all of mankind. In fact, there is nothing more valuable to God in all of creation than you. God knows everything about you—every thought, every detail, every struggle—and God loves you because of each one.

Make a list of the things you love about the way you’re made. As you write down each one, take time to celebrate them as a valuable part of the way God created you.

DAY 5

“For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see [God’s] invisible qualities—[God’s] eternal power and divine nature.” Romans 1:20a NLT

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When we have doubts or wonder if God is working, we can look out into what God’s created—even though we can’t see God. We can see the beauty in the details of creation all around us, in the sky, and the earth, and the oceans, and the mountains, and so much more!

God is perfection and we can see that all around us through nature. Just think about the four seasons! Each season is completely different from the others, but amazing in every way. Each season has its own special characteristics that can help us see and learn more about who God is.

The truth is, our faith and science work together to show us more about who God is.

So today, get outside in creation! Look for one thing around you that shows you more of who God is. Then, thank God for that one thing.