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Devotions for the Week

Verse of the Week

Revelation 1:9 - I, John, am your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus.

Check off each day as you go

- ☐ **Monday** Give warm greetings to the saints around you.
- ☐ **Tuesday** Offer prayers of gratitude even in suffering.
- ☐ **Wednesday** Pray and prepare in advance for this week's Sunday worship.
- ☐ **Thursday** Look for ways to serve in the church.
- ☐ **Friday** Take a moment each day to pray quietly and feel the Lord's presence.
- ☐ **Saturday** Practice one thing to maintain purity in my life.

Monday — Heart of a Brother

Today's Passage Revelation 1:9

The Apostle John introduces himself as a brother, showing humility. We must recognize our relationship as brothers and sisters and become one in Christ.

Ask Yourself How am I treating my brothers and sisters?

Do This Today Give warm greetings to the saints around you.

Prayer Lord, help us to love one another with a brotherly heart.

Tuesday — Participation in Tribulation

Today's Passage Revelation 1:9

John shows the example of keeping faith even in suffering as one who participates in the tribulation, kingdom, and patience of Jesus. We too must strengthen our faith through trials.

Ask Yourself How is the suffering I am experiencing affecting my faith?

Do This Today Offer prayers of gratitude even in suffering.

Prayer Lord, help me to keep my faith even in tribulation.

Wednesday — Importance of the Lord's Day

Today's Passage Revelation 1:10

On the Lord's Day, John, inspired by the Holy Spirit, saw an important vision. We should cherish the Sunday and look forward to meeting with God.

Ask Yourself How am I preparing for Sunday?

Do This Today Pray and prepare in advance for this week's Sunday worship.

Prayer Lord, help me to cherish the Lord's Day.

Thursday — Mission of the Church

Today's Passage Revelation 1:11

Jesus commands John to deliver messages to the seven churches. The church must fulfill its role as the light and salt of the world.

Ask Yourself What role am I playing for the church and community?

Do This Today Look for ways to serve in the church.

Prayer Lord, give me a heart to be devoted to the church.

Friday — Presence of Jesus

Today's Passage Revelation 1:12-13

Jesus is present among the church and loves that church. We must feel His presence and live according to His will.

Ask Yourself Am I feeling the presence of Jesus?

Do This Today Take a moment each day to pray quietly and feel the Lord's presence.

Prayer Lord, help me to believe that You are always with me.

Saturday — Pure Church

Today's Passage Revelation 1:14

Jesus desires to purify the church. We must strive for the purity of the church.

Ask Yourself What efforts am I making for the purity of the church?

Do This Today Practice one thing to maintain purity in my life.

Prayer Lord, please purify me.

Check Your Understanding

1. How did the Apostle John introduce himself?

- A. Brother
- B. Prophet
- C. Apostle
- D. King

2. What role does Jesus describe in relation to the church in Revelation 1?

- A. Cleanses the church
- B. Abandons the church
- C. Ignores the church
- D. Destroys the church

3. What is the reason the Apostle John participates in tribulation, kingdom, and patience?

- A. Because the church is stagnant
- B. Because of his confession
- C. Because of Jesus' testimony
- D. Because of people's requests

4. What does 'the Lord's Day' mean?

- A. The day of Jesus' resurrection
- B. Sunday
- C. The day God created
- D. The founding day of the church

5. What does Jesus do for the church?

- A. Gives strength and power to the church
- B. Curses the church
- C. Neglects the church
- D. Abandons the church to the world

Answer Key

1. **A** — The Apostle John introduced himself as 'Brother', showing a humble attitude.
2. **A** — Jesus cleanses the church, revealing its sins and guiding it to repentance.
3. **C** — The Apostle John participates in tribulation, kingdom, and patience because he testified to God's word and Jesus.
4. **B** — 'The Lord's Day' refers to Sunday, on which Jesus showed visions and tribulations.
5. **A** — Jesus gives strength and power to the church, cherishing and loving it.

Key Points

- The Apostle John introduces himself as a brother and emphasizes humility.
- Jesus is the owner of the church and prays for the church.
- The church is the body of Jesus Christ, and He purifies the church.
- Jesus still gives strength and power to the church and is with the church.

Discussion Questions

1. Why does the Apostle John introduce himself as a brother?

2. What does it mean for us that Jesus prays for the church?

3. What should we do to keep the church pure?

4. How does the fact that Jesus is the owner of the church affect our faith life?

Apply This Week

This week, practice seeing each other as brothers within the church community and serve with a humble heart.

Prayer & Reflection

God, purify our church, and we pray that Jesus' prayer is always with us.
