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Devotions for the Week

Verse of the Week

Acts 24:25 - "And as he reasoned about righteousness, self-control, and the coming judgment, Felix was alarmed and said, 'Go away for the present. When I get an opportunity, I will summon you.'"

Check off each day as you go

- ☐ **Monday** Practice one righteous action today. For example, be kind to someone.
- ☐ **Tuesday** Today, respond by exercising self-control over your emotions. For example, even if you are angry, handle the situation calmly.
- ☐ **Wednesday** Today, think about how your actions will be evaluated before God as you act.
- ☐ **Thursday** Look for an opportunity to share the gospel today. For example, share the gospel with a friend or family member.
- ☐ **Friday** Today, offer a prayer of gratitude to Jesus and remember His grace.
- ☐ **Saturday** Immediately act on a spiritual decision you need to make today. For example, start praying or meditating on the Word.

Monday — The Importance of Righteousness

Today's Passage Romans 1:17-18

Righteousness is the way to live by faith, and unrighteousness brings about God's wrath. We must choose a righteous life, and that choice leads us to eternal life.

Ask Yourself Am I choosing to live a righteous life by faith?

Do This Today Practice one righteous action today. For example, be kind to someone.

Prayer God, make me righteous and help me to live a righteous life.

Tuesday — A Life of Self-Control

Today's Passage Galatians 5:22-23

Self-control is one of the fruits of the Spirit and an important element for balance in our lives. Without self-control, love or joy can be distorted.

Ask Yourself What areas of my life need self-control?

Do This Today Today, respond by exercising self-control over your emotions. For example, even if you are angry, handle the situation calmly.

Prayer Lord, grant me self-control and help me to live a balanced life.

Wednesday — The Reality of Judgment

Today's Passage Hebrews 9:27

The fact that there is judgment after death gives us alertness. We must reflect on our lives and consider how we should live before God.

Ask Yourself Am I living in preparation for judgment?

Do This Today Today, think about how your actions will be evaluated before God as you act.

Prayer God, help my life to be evaluated perfectly before You.

Thursday — Receiving the Gospel

Today's Passage John 5:29

The gospel is the way that leads to life. We must accept this gospel and live accordingly. Ignoring the gospel poses great danger to our souls.

Ask Yourself How am I receiving the gospel?

Do This Today Look for an opportunity to share the gospel today. For example, share the gospel with a friend or family member.

Prayer Lord, give me the courage to share the gospel, so that many may be saved through it.

Friday — Decision of Faith

Today's Passage Romans 3:23

All have sinned, but can be saved through Jesus Christ. We must accept this fact and move forward in faith.

Ask Yourself Do I believe in Jesus Christ?

Do This Today Today, offer a prayer of gratitude to Jesus and remember His grace.

Prayer God, I thank You for Jesus who saved me, and help me to strengthen that faith.

Saturday — Not Delaying Until Tomorrow

Today's Passage Acts 24:25

Felix delayed after hearing the gospel. We must not miss the opportunities given today and should respond immediately.

Ask Yourself Am I delaying the gospel until tomorrow?

Do This Today Immediately act on a spiritual decision you need to make today. For example, start praying or meditating on the Word.

Prayer Lord, help me to cherish the opportunities given today and give me the courage to respond immediately.

Check Your Understanding

1. What were the three topics that Paul preached to Felix and his wife?

- A. Faith, love, hope
- B. Righteousness, self-control, judgment
- C. Salvation, repentance, gospel
- D. Love, self-control, forgiveness

2. What is the key message about 'righteousness' that Paul preached?

- A. One is saved by human effort
- B. One is justified by faith
- C. One obtains righteousness by works
- D. Everyone is righteous

3. Why did Paul mention self-control?

- A. To warn against immoral living
- B. To emphasize the freedom of faith
- C. To highlight the importance of Christian living
- D. To compromise with the world

4. Where is the passage where Paul mentions judgment recorded?

- A. Romans 3:23
- B. Hebrews 9:27
- C. Acts 24:10
- D. Galatians 5:22

5. What was Felix's reaction after hearing Paul's gospel?

- A. He immediately accepted the gospel
- B. He was afraid but rejected the gospel
- C. He did not hear the gospel at all
- D. He struggled to accept the gospel

Answer Key

- 1. **B** — Paul spoke to Felix and his wife about righteousness, self-control, and judgment.
- 2. **B** — Paul emphasized that being justified is achieved only through faith.
- 3. **C** — Paul stressed the importance of self-control in Christian life, stating that one should live a life worthy of the gospel.
- 4. **B** — Paul mentions judgment in Hebrews 9:27, emphasizing that there is judgment after death.
- 5. **B** — Felix was afraid after hearing Paul's gospel but ultimately did not accept it.

Key Points

- Paul emphasized the essence of the gospel by preaching about righteousness, self-control, and judgment to Felix and his wife.
- Righteousness is a gift from God given through faith, and cannot be obtained through human effort.
- Self-control is an essential element in the Christian life, and we must live in a manner worthy of the gospel.
- Judgment is appointed for all people, serving as an important reminder about life after death.

Discussion Questions

1. What does Paul's message of righteousness, self-control, and judgment to Felix and his wife mean for us today?

2. How can we practice a righteous and self-controlled life in our daily routines?

3. How might Paul's testimony about judgment impact our faith journey?

4. What commitments should we make to avoid postponing the message of the gospel?

Apply This Week

This week, I will internalize Paul's message about righteousness, self-control, and judgment, and strive to practice it in my daily life.

Prayer & Reflection

God, help me to live a righteous and self-controlled life, and grant me wisdom to prepare for the day of judgment.
