

# *Be Great Everyday!*

**365 Devotionals  
To Make Each Day the Best Day**



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January 1

# Stand Out in a Crowd

LET NO ONE DESPISE YOUR YOUTH, BUT BE AN EXAMPLE TO THE BELIEVERS  
IN WORD, IN CONDUCT, IN LOVE, IN SPIRIT, IN FAITH, IN PURITY.

## 1 Timothy 4:12

Sometimes when people stand out in a crowd, they do so to bring attention to themselves. They want everyone to *look* at them. However, standing out in a crowd *can* have a positive effect and influence on society and the people that you are around. If you are a Christian, you *need* to be the one others look to as an example of how they would like to be. If you are always truthful in your speech, people will know that what you say is the truth. When speaking with others always *be kind* because some people can be quite sensitive, and you don't ever want to be hurtful. We should always *love* one another, even if at times we don't feel like we can. In faith, remember God is in control. He should be our number one and everything else comes second. Lastly, *be pure* in everything we do so that others can look to us when they may not be able to look to others for help or advice.

*Are you standing out in the crowd?*

January 2

# Go Out on a Limb

I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHO STRENGTHENS ME.

**Philippians 4:13**

**G**o where others are not willing to go. In life, we will be thrown curves, put down, shut out, criticized, made fun of, and a host of other things. When those things happen, we must be strong enough to *believe* in ourselves and go that extra mile to do what others are not willing to do. This might mean we need to read about or work on self-help methods to make ourselves the type of person that will take chances for the Lord. Do whatever it takes. By the way, the Bible is a great self-help book.

*Are you striving to make yourself a better person?*

January 3

# Be a Bright Spot in Other's Lives

YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD. A CITY THAT IS SET ON A HILL CANNOT BE HIDDEN. NOR DO THEY LIGHT A LAMP AND PUT IT UNDER A BASKET, BUT ON A LAMPSTAND, AND IT GIVES LIGHT TO ALL WHO ARE IN THE HOUSE. LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE BEFORE MEN, THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD WORKS, AND GLORIFY YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN.”

**Matthew 5:14–16**

**W**e all have days that seem like the world is caving in on us, but if we got up this morning, that is a blessing within itself. Your *light* may very well be the light that someone else needs to brighten his or her day. Be that light and let it always shine before man.

*Is your light shining bright?*



January 4

# Listen Then Speak

SO THEN MY BELOVED BRETHREN, LET EVERY MAN BE SWIFT TO HEAR,  
SLOW TO SPEAK, SLOW TO WRATH.”

**James 1:19**

**W**ords are very important in our lives today. What we say and how we say it plays the most important part. If you listen to the verse above, our first responsibility is to be swift to hear, which means, *listen*. The next part of the verse states that we are to be *slow to speak*, in other words, we do not always have to add our opinion when we hear someone talk. Have you ever heard someone say, “I tell you what I think,” and your thought, I didn’t ask for your opinion? There are some people like that in life. We, on the other hand, must speak with kindness, boldness, cheerfulness, and happiness. There will be times when we feel like we can’t express ourselves in that way, but if we listen to the last part of the verse it says to be *slow to wrath*. So, today uplift someone with your words instead of being a complainer, a whiner or a know-it-all.

*Are you listening? Are you speaking with kindness?*

January 5

# Be A Good Example

THEREFORE TO HIM WHO KNOWS TO DO GOOD AND DOES NOT DO IT,  
TO HIM, IT IS SIN.

**James 4:17**

In life, we are an *example*. We either are a prototype of the right way or the wrong way, the good person or the bad person, or many other illustrations we could place here. We all need to look at ourselves and see what kind of person we have been. Have we been good parents or not, the right kind of neighbor or not, have we been good friends, have we been honest, have we been good citizens or not? We will be *known* by our fruits, so let us all look to a higher power that can help us instead of one that can destroy us.

*What do your actions tell about you?*

January 6

# Be Thankful Everyday

THE HEAVENS DECLARE THE GLORY OF GOD, AND,  
THE FIRMAMENT SHOWS HIS HANDIWORK.

**Psalm 19:1**

**W**hen you wake up and prepare for the day, first look in the mirror. You woke up, so be happy. Next, look around you and the world you live in. Do you see rabbits and squirrels playing, flowers blooming, trees swaying in the wind, the sun shining or maybe the rain coming down? There is a *Creator* who gave us all of this to enjoy. Each day you wake up and put your feet on the floor, it is a blessing! Give God the glory!

*Are you thankful today?*

*January 7*

# *Our Mouth and Heart*

LET THE WORDS OF MY MOUTH AND THE MEDITATION OF MY HEART BE  
ACCEPTABLE IN YOUR SIGHT, O LORD, MY STRENGTH, AND MY REDEEMER.

**Psalm 19:14**

**T**he mouth is the hardest thing for an individual to control. The heart is the easiest thing to get torn apart. Put the two together and sometimes bad things can happen. But, when we put our thoughts on *others* instead of ourselves, we will be able to keep our mouths in line and our hearts will be full. If we try to put others before ourselves, we will be blessed beyond our greatest expectations.

*Who do you put first in your life?*

January 8

# Integrity Counts

THE INTEGRITY OF THE UPRIGHT WILL GUIDE THEM,  
BUT THE PERVERSITY OF THE UNFAITHFUL WILL DESTROY THEM.

**Proverbs 11:3**

No matter our plight or what our position in life is, *integrity* plays an important part. How others see us in our daily life, defines our integrity. No matter what life deals with us, how we deal with it shows the integrity that we have within us. We cannot judge ourselves by others, only ourselves. So make sure that for each day, integrity is guiding you to be a better person.

*Is integrity guiding you?*

January 9

# Speak Softly

A SOFT ANSWER TURNS AWAY WRATH,  
BUT A HARSH WORD STIRS UP ANGER.

**Proverbs 15:1**

**A**re we quick to speak out with a response? Sometimes we are, and when we do, that response is not always the best. A soft answer means to listen and think before you speak. Even if you question something, do it in a soft tone. Don't say, "Well that is just the way I am." You might be, but when you are passed over because you are "that way," the same people could say, "Well that is just the way I am, I don't give promotions to people that are quick with their tongue." Angry words have no use in the English language. Their only use is to stir up trouble. Speak *softly* today.

*How have you been speaking lately?*

January 10

# Please Even Your Enemies

WHEN A MAN'S WAYS PLEASE THE LORD, HE MAKES EVEN HIS ENEMIES  
TO BE AT PEACE WITH HIM.

**Proverbs 16:7**

The verse above is not saying that we will always be at peace with all men, but it does have some points we could use today. If we are constantly trying to live a Christian life and do what we know the scripture teaches, then we will make an impression on everyone, even our enemies. So today, be at *peace* with all men to the best of your ability.

*Are you at peace?*