

LIVE A NEW DAY

How do I look at life from God's perspective? How do I let God begin a revival in me that changes the world around me? How do I join with the Holy Spirit to change my heart and the hearts of those around me through the Fruit of His Holy Spirit?

Answer: Live a New Day walking by The Spirit

But I say, **walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.** ¹⁷ For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please. ¹⁹ Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, ²¹ envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² But **the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control;** against such things there is no law. ²⁴ Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become boastful, challenging one another, envying one another. Galatians 5:16-26

Pray, "Lord, give me new desires that produce the fruit of your Holy Spirit in me."

Sunday – 1. **Love Day** – Love God and People – Serve God on the first day of the week.

Monday – 2. **Joy Day** – Embrace the unique work and purpose God has for each person.

Tuesday – 3. **Peace Day** – Goodness flowing. Peace is things flowing as they should. Effective communication. Goods and resources flowing. Mercy flowing to those who repent. Justice flowing to the stubborn.

Wednesday – 4. **Patience Day** – Investing in People – A mother investing one meal at a time for a child to grow. A teacher investing one lesson at a time to teach wisdom. An employer training their employees. An evangelist training disciples.

Thursday – 5. **Gentleness Day** – Guide and respond gently. A soft answer turns away wrath (Our secret weapon.) Correct gently with love and a focus to help them please Jesus.

Friday – 6. **Kindness Day** – Actively bless others – If we are to love our enemies and do good to those who hate us, then how much more to the people around us.

Saturday – 7. **Rest Day** – Rest from greed, ambition and addictions to reflect on God’s goodness and His evaluation of our week.

Why not self-control? Because the “self-control” topic quickly leads to a bunch of don’ts and manipulation from people. The fruit of resting from our greed, pride and ambition to evaluate our lives in light of God’s Word and wisdom leads to the right self-control in the context of growing closer to Christ. As I yearn to live a life that matters in the face of eternity, I want to get rid of crud in my life.

How to implement the New Day Calendar on your Google or Apple calendar:

Set up a recurring event on Sunday ... “1. Love Day” in the title. Repeats weekly. In the description, paste the theme – “Love God and People – Serve God on the first day of the week.

Set up a weekly recurring event on Monday ... “2. Joy Day” in the title. In the description section write, “Embrace the unique work and purpose God has for each person.”

Repeat for the additional days of the week.

God has been changing me as a result of joining with the Holy Spirit to change my attitudes. I originally thought, “God you have the wrong person for this, I am grumpy and not gentle.” But, God has been slowly changing my attitudes and responses.

The daily devotional is not a one-time book to read, but your personal story as God writes His Word in your heart and His good fruit is produced in your life.