

memory verse

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. John 10:10

Start each day of the devotional with a time of prayer. Ask God how you can love Him more and how you can love others better.

day one

Why is there so much evil in the world?

READ Psalm 10:1 using the *personalize it* and *pray it* methods. This question is one which people have a difficult time answering: Have you ever felt like God left you alone to face a bad situation? Does it help knowing that David (the Psalmist) felt the same way you feel? Why would God want to test us?

READ James 1:12.

 \boldsymbol{SPEND} time in prayer, sharing your heart with God.

day two

READ John 8:44-45 using the *probe it* method (S.P.A.C.E.P.E.T.S.). What truths of Satan's character are evident? What lies has Satan been speaking to your heart? Do you believe them? What are you doing to combat the lies?

READ Ephesians 6:13-18.

We have the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God, to speak truth to us. Are you daily spending time with God, allowing Him to speak to you through His Word? That's our best weapon.

So, love the truth.

day three

Study this week's memory verse (John 10:10) using the *pronounce it* method. The thief's goal is to turn our joy into misery... to make us small and cause us to live shallow lives.

What areas of your life is the thief attempting to steal from you? In what areas is he trying to make you small?

READ Galatians 5:22. These are the fruits (good things) the Holy Spirit wants to produce and overflow in your life.

So, live life with passion.

day four

READ 1 Peter 5:8-9 using the *paraphrase it* method. Are you self-controlled? Are you alert? Are you aware of the battle which rages around you?

If you have a part in God's story, you are a part of the spiritual battle that rages in and around you. But we have the ultimate victory in Christ. Will you claim that victory in your life?

So, resist evil with good.

day five

READ this week's memory verse (John 10:10) using the *personalize it* and *pray it* method, emphasizing the last part of the verse:

I have come that they [you] may have life, and have it to the full.

Jesus is talking about *you*. Jesus came not only so we could resist the devil, but to offer us a life of fullness *(think about Hilarious living – a life and heart that overflow)*! We can overcome the devil by loving God and loving people. We may also overcome the evil by doing good.

What steps are you taking to love Him more? What are you doing to love others? Are you doing good?

Take your next step...
to love Him more! to love people more! to do good!