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A DAILY DEVOTIONAL

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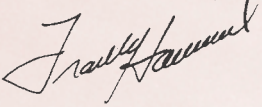
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FOREWORD

You cannot consider the greatness of God and what He has done for you without soon coming to the conclusion that He must have the first claim on your life. In fact, Christ, on the basis of His person and His work on the cross, must have first claim to your time, your life, your affections, your income and your mind.

This generation needs teens that are willing to give God their prime time. If you give God your prime time, He will honor and bless you much more than you can receive. He has made you His top priority. Have you made Him your top priority?



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INTRODUCTION

Has it ever seemed to you that the Bible is something that only other people can understand? Have you ever struggled with your daily devotions because you are frustrated that you cannot make sense of its message? This series of *Manna* devotionals have been written because we at Positive Action are convinced that any believer can learn how to understand Scripture and come to know God through His Word.

The first two volumes of *Manna* use short passages of Scripture to give young people a very simple plan for understanding and applying those texts. This third volume will lead you through thirteen New Testament epistles and give you tools to help you mine truth from God's Word. These tools will help you learn to grasp what God wants you to see in His Word.

We at Positive Action believe that it is unwise to study the Bible simply to know the facts of the stories and the commands we ought to obey. We believe the primary reason God gave us His Word is so that we will know Him. Only as we come to know Him will we grow to love, adore and worship Him.

This third volume of *Manna* is designed to do precisely that. It is the next more challenging step in a progression that began in the first two volumes. Now we will begin to put the pieces together. Follow the instructions, take your time and be patient, even though this method may seem frustrating at first. If you apply yourself diligently and consistently, a year from now you will not only know your God much more intimately, but you will also be better equipped with some basic tools to understand His Word for the rest of your life.

GALATIANS

Day 1

Read chapter 1 three times, looking for words or phrases that are repeated. Also, look for words that have similar meanings. Write those words or phrases below.

What do these repeated words suggest about what are the most important issues in this chapter?

What can you learn about God's character or His works in this chapter?

Day 2

Read chapter 2 three times, looking for words or phrases that are repeated. Also, look for words that have similar meanings. Write those words or phrases below.

What do these repeated words suggest about what are the most important issues in this chapter?

What can you learn about God's character or His works in this chapter?

Day 3

Read chapter 3 three times, looking for words or phrases that are repeated. Also, look for words that have similar meanings. Write those words or phrases below.

What do these repeated words suggest about what are the most important issues in this chapter?

What can you learn about God's character or His works in this chapter?

Day 4

Read chapter 4 three times, looking for words or phrases that are repeated. Also, look for words that have similar meanings. Write those words or phrases below.

What do these repeated words suggest about what are the most important issues in this chapter?

What can you learn about God's character or His works in this chapter?

Day 5

Read chapter 5 three times, looking for words or phrases that are repeated. Also, look for words that have similar meanings. Write those words or phrases below.

What do these repeated words suggest about what are the most important issues in this chapter?

What can you learn about God's character or His works in this chapter?

Day 6

Read chapter 6 three times, looking for words or phrases that are repeated. Also, look for words that have similar meanings. Write those words or phrases below.

What do these repeated words suggest about what are the most important issues in this chapter?

What can you learn about God's character or His works in this chapter?

Day 7

Sometimes words are not repeated in the same chapter, but they are used one time in two or more chapters. Read the entire book quickly, scanning for words, phrases or related words that appear in two or more chapters. Write those words or phrases below.

Are there any words or phrases that are used many times throughout the book? You should be able to find at least two or three in Galatians. Write them below.

What do these repeated words suggest about what the entire book is about?

As you consider the needs of your own spiritual life, how do you think this book might be able to help you grow closer to Christ?

Day 8

Read chapter 1. List below every way that you can see God at work in the chapter.

How do these things that God does have an impact on your life?

How should your attitude toward God be affected as you consider the work He is doing in your life?

What do you need to thank Him for today?

Day 9

Read chapter 2. List below every way that you can see God at work in the chapter.

How do these things that God does have an impact on your life?

How should your attitude toward God be affected as you consider the work He is doing in your life?

What do you need to thank Him for today?