



Colleen's Corner | Investing in Eternity | Where Are You Placing Your Chips?

A 5-day Bible reading plan and devotional guide.

Day 1: Eternal Perspective

Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Devotional: In our daily lives, it's easy to become consumed with the here and now, focusing on our earthly pursuits and temporary gains. However, Paul reminds us to set our minds on things above. Just as Steve demonstrated with the poker chips, we often invest heavily in our short earthly life while neglecting our eternal future.

Today, reflect on where your focus lies. Are you investing more in temporary earthly matters or in eternal Kingdom pursuits? Ask God to help you shift your perspective and prioritize what truly matters in light of eternity.

Day 2: Stewardship of Time and Talents

Reading: Matthew 25:14-30

Devotional: The parable of the talents illustrates how God entrusts us with resources - not just money, but our time and abilities as well. Like the servants in the parable, we're called to be good stewards of what God has given us.

Consider how you're using your gifts. Are you investing them wisely for God's Kingdom? Remember, even small investments in eternity can have ripple effects that last forever. Pray for wisdom to use your resources in ways that honor God and contribute to His eternal purposes.

Day 3: Transformation Through Suffering

Reading: Romans 5:3-5

Devotional: Colleen mentions a "dark night of the soul" that often shifts our focus from self to God's Kingdom. Suffering can be a powerful catalyst for spiritual growth and perspective change. Paul tells us that suffering produces perseverance, character, and hope.

Reflect on challenging times in your life. How have they shaped your faith and priorities? Thank God for His presence in your trials and ask Him to continue refining your character through life's difficulties.

Day 4: Living for Eternity Now

Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

Devotional: We're called to live with an eternal perspective even as we navigate our earthly lives. Paul encourages us to fix our eyes on what is unseen and eternal, rather than what is temporary. This doesn't mean neglecting our earthly responsibilities, but rather approaching them with Kingdom values.

How can you bring an eternal perspective to your daily tasks and relationships? Ask God to help you see beyond the visible and temporary, living each day in light of eternity.

Day 5: Hope of New Creation

Reading: Revelation 21:1-5

Devotional: Colleen touches on the "new heaven and new earth." This vision of restoration and renewal is our ultimate hope as believers. God promises to make all things new, wiping away every tear and eliminating death and suffering.

As you meditate on this promise, how does it impact your current struggles and joys? Let this hope of complete restoration fuel your faith and inspire you to participate in God's redemptive work now. Pray for a deeper understanding of God's eternal plan and your role in it.