

## LIFE OF JESUS READING PLAN

Our Video Devos are on summer break until Labor Day. Instead, join as we read through the life of Christ! Download the bookmark with daily readings at [tlc.org/LifeOfJesus](http://tlc.org/LifeOfJesus) or pick one up at the Info desk. This week's readings:

**Reading 16:** John 5 – In your own spiritual journey, when did you (or have you) come to understand the truth of John 5:24. How has it changed you?

**Reading 17:** Mark 2:23-3:16 – Where in your life is God asking you to “stretch out your hand” in faith so he can heal you (emotionally, spiritually or physically)?

**Reading 18:** Matthew 5 – What does this chapter tell you about Jesus' heart for you?

**Reading 19:** Matthew 6 – What causes you the most worry these days? How can you apply Jesus' words and move from worry to prayer?

**Reading 20:** Matthew 7 – Though our good works play no role in our salvation (that's all God's grace through Jesus), what role do they play in your Christian life?



**BASIC INSTRUCTIONS FOR LIFE**  
JUNE 24 & 25 | RENÉ SCHLAEPFER



**In this section of his letter to the brand-new Thessalonian Christians, the Apostle Paul quickly summarizes his advice about how to live the life God wants us to live:**

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As for other matters, brothers and sisters, we instructed you how to live in order to **please God**, as in fact you are living. Now we ask you and urge you in the Lord Jesus to do this more and more. For you know what instructions we gave you by the authority of the Lord Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 4:1,2

Our purpose is to **please God, not people**. He is the one who examines the motives of our hearts. 1 Thess. 2:4 NLT

Obviously, I'm not trying to be a people pleaser! No, I am trying to **please God**. If I were still trying to please people, I would not be Christ's servant. Galatians 1:10

It is a **dangerous trap** to be concerned with what others think of you, but if you trust the Lord, you are safe. Proverbs 29:25 TEV

(See John 12:43, John 5:41, Isaiah 51:12)

2. \_\_\_\_\_

It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; that each of you should learn to **control your own body** in a way that is holy and honorable, not in passionate lust like the pagans, who do not know God; and that in this matter no one should wrong or take advantage of a brother or sister. The Lord will punish all those who commit such sins, as we told you and warned you before. For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life. Therefore, anyone who rejects this instruction does not reject a human being but God, the very God who gives you his Holy Spirit. 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8

3. \_\_\_\_\_

Now about your love for one another we do not need to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to **love each other**. And in fact, **you do love all of God's family** throughout Macedonia. Yet we urge you, brothers and sisters, to **do so more and more**. 1 Thessalonians 4:9-10

Let love be your highest goal! 1 Corinthians 14:1 NLT

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...and make it your ambition to lead a quiet life: You should **mind your own business** and work with your hands, just as we told you... 1 Thessalonians 4:11

5. \_\_\_\_\_

...so that your daily life may **win the respect of outsiders** and so that you will not be dependent on anybody. 1 Thessalonians 4:12

**BOTTOM LINE:** Be \_\_\_\_\_ enough to be \_\_\_\_\_ ... so others are drawn to Christ through you.

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