



7-Day Devotional: Give God Your Heart

Weekly Prayer: Gracious God, pour your love into my heart. Show me where I have settled for almost. By your grace, transform my desires, choices, and actions. Teach me to love you with my whole heart, and fill me until your love overflows into the lives of others. Amen.

Day 1: Not Far Mark 12:28–34

Reflection: The scribe knew Scripture and understood Jesus’ teaching. Jesus even praised his wisdom. Yet Jesus told him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” Sometimes being close can make us comfortable. We can know about Jesus, participate in worship, and do good things while still holding parts of ourselves back. Jesus invites us beyond almost.

Question: Where might I be settling for being “not far” from what Jesus desires for me?

Practice: Pray: “Jesus, show me where I am settling for almost.”

Go Deeper

Day 2 : What Has Your Heart? Deuteronomy 6:4–9

Reflection: In Scripture, the heart is more than emotion. It includes our desires, motivations, choices, and will. To love God with all our heart means allowing God into the center of what drives us.

Question: What receives the greatest share of my desire, attention, and energy?

Practice: Notice what occupies your thoughts today. Ask what it reveals about your heart.

Day 3: Why Am I Doing This? Matthew 6:1–4

Reflection: Two people can perform the same good action for very different reasons. Jesus repeatedly asks us to examine not only what we do, but what motivates us. Even religion can become transactional: I do something for God because I expect something from God.

Question: Why do I worship, serve, give, pray, or try to do good?

Practice: Do one good thing today that no one else will know about.

Day 4: Grace Comes First Romans 5:1–5

Reflection: Christianity reverses the transaction. We don't become good enough to convince God to love us. God moves toward us first. Paul says God's love is “poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.” Everything begins with grace.

Question: Where am I still trying to earn what God has already offered by grace?

Practice: Spend five quiet minutes simply receiving God's love without asking God for anything.

Day 5 : Being Transformed Romans 12:1–2 Reflection:

Grace doesn't simply forgive who we have been. God's sanctifying grace transforms who we’re becoming. Following Jesus isn't merely behaving differently; it’s allowing God to reshape our desires, thoughts, priorities, and actions.

Question: What part of my life is God seeking to transform next?

Practice: Name one area and intentionally surrender it to God today.

Day 6: Overflow 1 John 4:7–12, 19

Reflection: “We love because he first loved us.” Picture a pitcher beneath a flowing stream. As long as the water keeps coming, the pitcher fills and eventually overflows. God's grace doesn't make us passive; it makes possible a life we could never manufacture on our own.

Question: Who needs to experience an overflow of God's love through me?

Practice: Show that person love in one specific, practical way.

Day 7: Altogether Mark 12:29–31

Reflection: Jesus repeatedly uses one challenging word: all. All your heart. All your soul. All your mind. All your strength. An Altogether Christian isn't flawless. We are becoming Altogether Christians as more and more of our lives are surrendered to God's transforming grace.

Question: Who is God calling me to BE? Where is God calling me to GO? What is God calling me to GIVE?

Practice: Open your hands as you pray: “Jesus, I give you my heart. Keep transforming me by your love. Amen.” present, listen well, and let your table become a place of grace.