

# TAKE THE LEAD

## DAILY DEVOTIONAL

### Day 1: Surrendering to God's Will

**Daily Reading:** Luke 22:39-46

#### Devotional

Jesus' prayer in Gethsemane is a powerful example of surrendering to God's will. Despite His anguish, Jesus ultimately said, "Not my will, but yours be done."

#### Application

Today, reflect on areas of your life where you struggle to surrender control. How might your life change if you approached each day with a prayer of surrender? Remember, surrendering to God isn't a one-time event, but a daily choice. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you release your grip on control and trust in God's perfect plan for your life.

### Day 2: The Fruit of the Spirit

**Daily Reading:** Galatians 5:16-26

#### Devotional

Paul contrasts the works of the flesh with the fruit of the Spirit. Living by the Spirit produces love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. These qualities aren't achieved through our own efforts, but through surrendering to the Holy Spirit's work in our lives.

#### Application

Today, ask yourself: Which fruit of the Spirit do I struggle with most? Invite the Holy Spirit to cultivate this fruit in your life. Remember, spiritual growth is a process - be patient with yourself as you allow God to transform you from the inside out.

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### Day 3: The Holy Spirit as Our Guide

**Daily Reading:** John 16:5-15

#### Devotional

Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit as our Counselor and Guide. The Spirit leads us into all truth, glorifies Christ, and helps us understand God's will. In a world full of conflicting voices and opinions, how can you better attune yourself to the Holy Spirit's guidance?

#### Application

Today, practice listening for the Spirit's voice through prayer, Scripture reading, and moments of quiet reflection. Ask God to increase your sensitivity to the Spirit's leading in your daily decisions and interactions.

### Day 4: Transformation Through the Spirit

**Daily Reading:** Romans 12:1-2

#### Devotional

Paul urges us to offer our bodies as living sacrifices and to be transformed by the renewing of our minds. This transformation is the work of the Holy Spirit in us. Consider areas of your life that still conform to the patterns of this world. How might the Holy Spirit want to renew your mind in these areas?

#### Application

Today, surrender these aspects to God, asking Him to transform your thinking and behavior to align with His will. Remember, this is a lifelong process of becoming more like Christ.

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### **Day 5: Living in the Power of the Spirit**

**Daily Reading: Acts 1:4-8 and Acts 2:1-4**

#### **Devotional**

Jesus promised His disciples power when the Holy Spirit came upon them. This power enabled them to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth. The same Spirit that empowered the early church lives in every believer today. How are you relying on the Spirit's power in your daily life? Where do you need His strength and courage?

#### **Application**

Today, Ask God to fill you afresh with His Spirit today, empowering you to live boldly for Him and to share His love with others. Remember, you're not meant to live the Christian life in your own strength, but in the power of the Holy Spirit.