



DAY 1

Citizenship in Heaven

Reading: *Philippians 3:17-21*

Devotional: As we navigate the complexities of our earthly citizenship, we're reminded that our true and eternal citizenship is in heaven. Paul urges us to pattern our lives after those who follow Christ, warning against those who are "enemies of the cross." Today, reflect on where your primary allegiance lies. Are you more concerned with earthly matters or heavenly ones? How might your daily choices and attitudes change if you lived fully as a citizen of heaven? Ask God to help you set your mind on things above, eagerly awaiting Christ's return while still engaging meaningfully in your earthly responsibilities.

DAY 2

Living as Salt and Light

Reading: *Matthew 5:13-16*

Devotional: Jesus calls us to be salt and light in the world - preserving what is good and illuminating the path to God. In a politically charged environment, how can we maintain our distinct "flavor" as Christians while still positively influencing our society? Consider how you can let your light shine in your community, workplace, or family in a way that draws others to glorify God. Pray for wisdom to engage in cultural and political discourse with grace and truth, always pointing to the hope we have in Christ.

DAY 3

The Fruit of the Spirit in Public Life

Reading: *Galatians 5:22-26*

Devotional: The fruit of the Spirit - love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control - should characterize our lives in all spheres, including our public and political engagement. Reflect on which of these fruits you find most challenging to exhibit when discussing contentious issues. Ask the Holy Spirit to cultivate these qualities in you, especially in situations where you're tempted to react with anger or fear. How might your conversations and interactions change if you intentionally practiced these virtues in your daily life?

DAY 4

Seeking the Welfare of the City

Reading: *Jeremiah 29:4-7*

Devotional: God instructed the exiles in Babylon to seek the peace and prosperity of the city where He had sent them. Even in a place that wasn't their true home, they were called to be a blessing. How can you actively work for the good of your community, even if you disagree with aspects of its culture or leadership? Pray for discernment in how to engage constructively in local issues, always remembering that our ultimate hope is not in earthly systems but in God's kingdom. Consider one practical step you can take this week to contribute positively to your city's welfare.

DAY 5

Unity in Christ Above All

Reading: *Ephesians 4:1-6*

Devotional: Paul's passionate plea for unity reminds us that our bond in Christ transcends all earthly divisions, including political ones. Reflect on how you've allowed political differences to create barriers between you and other believers. Confess any attitudes of superiority or judgment you've held towards those who disagree with you politically. Pray for the humility and patience to "make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." How can you practically demonstrate that your identity in Christ is more fundamental than your political affiliations? Consider reaching out to a fellow believer with whom you've disagreed, focusing on your shared faith rather than your differences.