

# Better!

## A BETTER DAY

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Psalm 84:10-12 "A single day in Your courts is better than a thousand anywhere else! I would rather be a gatekeeper in the house of my God than live the good life in the homes of the wicked. For the Lord God is our sun and our shield. He gives us grace and glory. The Lord will withhold no good thing from those who do what is right. O Lord of Heaven's Armies, what joy for those who trust in You."

### **How to Have a Better Day**

#### **1. Pursue the RIGHT PRIORITIES.**

Psalm 84:10 "A single day in Your courts is better than a thousand anywhere else!"

Psalm 16:11 "In Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore."

**What matters most is not how many days you live.  
What matters most is how you live your days.**

Proverbs 14:11-12 "The house of the wicked will be destroyed, but the tent of the godly will flourish. There is a path before each person that seems right, but it ends in death."

James 1:15 "Your desire grows inside you until it results in sin. Then the sin grows bigger and bigger and finally ends in death."

**Sin makes a promise that sin can't keep. When sin wins, you lose.**

Romans 6:23 "The wages of sin is death."

Proverbs 23:5 "In the blink of an eye wealth disappears, for it will sprout wings and fly away like an eagle."

**Better Day Precept #1:**

**Choose the PERMANENT over the PLEASURABLE.**

1 John 2:15-17 "Don't love this evil world or the things in it. If you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you. This is all there is in the world: wanting to please our sinful selves, wanting the sinful things we see, and being too proud of what we have. But none of these comes from the Father. They come from the world. **The world is passing away, and all the things that people want in the world are passing away. But whoever does what God wants will live forever.**"

**2. Partner with the RIGHT PEOPLE.**

Psalm 84:10 "I would rather be a gatekeeper in the house of my God than live the good life in the homes of the wicked."

**A better house doesn't make a better day.**

Proverbs 17:1 "It is better to have nothing but a dry piece of bread to eat in peace than a whole house full of food with everyone arguing."

**Image-driven people are always comparing themselves to others.**

2 Corinthians 10:12 "When people measure themselves by one another and compare themselves with one another, they are without understanding."

Proverbs 29:25 "People are trapped by their fear of others; those who trust the Lord are secure."

**Stop following the crowd to sin just so you'll fit in.**

**It's not who follows you that matters. It's whom you follow.**

**Better Day Precept #2:  
Choose PEACE over POPULARITY.**

John 16:33 "I have told you this so that you will have peace by being united to Me."

**Until you make peace with who you are,  
you'll never be content with what you have.**

Colossians 2:10 "So you also are complete through your union with Christ."

### **3. Position yourself in GOD'S PRESENCE.**

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#### **Better Day Precept #3: PRACTICE the PRESENCE of God.**

- Keep Constant Communication with God.  
1 Thessalonians 5:17 "Never stop praying."
- Keep in Step with God.  
Galatians 5:25 "Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit."
- Keep Short Accounts with God.  
1 John 1:7, 9 "But if we live in the light - just as He is in the light - then we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from every sin. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

John 15:4-5 Jesus said, "Remain in Me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in Me. Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in Me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from Me you can do nothing."

**Every day will be a BETTER day when you live in God's presence.**

Psalm 63:1-3 "O God, You are my God; I earnestly search for You. My soul thirsts for You; my whole body longs for You in this parched and weary land where there is no water. I have seen You in Your sanctuary and gazed upon Your power and glory. Your unfailing love is better than life itself; how I praise You!"

Memory Verse: Psalm 84:10 "A single day in Your courts is better than a thousand anywhere else! I would rather be a gatekeeper in the house of my God than live the good life in the homes of the wicked."

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