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# DIGITAL DEVOTIONS

## A DEVOTIONAL LIFESTYLE

**Romans 12:2** *“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.”*

**Ephesians 5:15-17** *“Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, 16 making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is.”*

How can we “renew our minds” and “understand what the Lord’s will is?”

Describe the **results** if we are successful.

Result #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Result #2: \_\_\_\_\_

**Psalm 1:1-3** *“Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night. That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prospers.”*

Describe what the word “delight” looks like in the life of a Christian. Do the same for the word “meditate.”

Why is where the tree is planted important? What does that suggest regarding our proximity to God’s Word?

Describe the **result** of a “tree planted by streams” which delights and meditates on God’s Word.

Result #3: \_\_\_\_\_

## DISCUSS

List some of the barriers to regular and meaningful devotions.

List some of the advantages and disadvantages of digital devotions vs paper-based ones.

## KIDS

- Bible for Kids - <https://www.bible.com/kids/>
  - Platforms: Tablet, Phone (iOS, Android, Amazon)
- Granny's Bible Dojo
  - <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/grannys-bible-dojo/id438317978?mt=8>
  - Platforms: Tablet, Phone (iOS)

## PERSONAL & FAMILY

- WELS.net – <http://www.wels.net>
  - Features: Devotions & Bible Readings (Text, Audio), Q&A
- WELS Mobile – <http://m.wels.net>
  - Platforms: Tablet, Phones (iOS, Android, Amazon)
  - Features: Devotions & Bible Readings (Text, Audio), Worship Helps, Verse of the Day
- Meditations App
  - <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/meditations-daily-devotional/id813756034?mt=8>
  - Platforms: Tablets, Phones (iOS)
  - Features: Devotions, Prayers, Notifications
- Catechism - <http://catechism.cph.org/>
  - Platforms: Web, Phone, Tablet (iOS)
- What About Jesus? – <http://www.whataboutjesus.com>
  - Studies: Book by Book, Great Chapters, People
- Northwestern Publishing House Kindle Books – <http://kindle.amazon.com>
  - Search for “Northwestern Publishing House”
- Wartburg Project – <http://wartburgproject.org>
  - Psalms and New Testament
  - Translation called EHV (Evangelical Heritage Version)
- Time Of Grace - <http://www.timeofgrace.org/app>
  - Platforms: Phone, Tablet (iOS, Android)
  - Features: Video Sermons, Devotions, Prayer Wall

## SOCIAL

- Twitter
  - Verse Of The Day - <https://twitter.com/verseoftheday>
  - WELS – <https://twitter.com/welstweets>
- Facebook
  - WELS – <http://www.facebook.com/welslutherans>

## SOCIAL NETWORKS & OUTREACH

1. How are social networks like Facebook useful in our lives as Christ's ambassadors?

## BIBLES

- YouVersion – <http://www.bible.com>
  - Mobile Versions – <http://www.youversion.com>
  - Features: Narration, Notes, Plans, Sharing, Images, Notifications, Verse of the Day
- GloBible – <http://www.globible.com>
  - Platform: PC/Mac, Tablets and Phones

## WIDER COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY

- Interactive Faith - <https://livestream.com/interactivefaith/>
  - Archive - <https://vimeo.com/album/2563255>
- Google Groups – <https://groups.google.com>
- Facebook Groups – <http://www.facebookgroups.com>

## PRAYER

- WELS.net - <http://www.wels.net/spiritual-help/prayer>
- Meditations App (see above)

## JOURNALING

- Prayer Notebook & Journaling App - <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/prayer-notebook/id522373829>
- DayOne - <http://dayoneapp.com/>
- Diaro - <http://diaroapp.com/>
- YouVersion – <http://www.youversion.com>

## TOOLS

- Bible Geocoding - <http://www.openbible.info/geo/>
- Bible Place – [www.bibleplaces.com](http://www.bibleplaces.com)
- Bible Pronunciations - <http://www.biblepronunciations.com>
- Back To The Bible Challenge - <http://www.backtothebible.org/bible-challenge>
- Bible Hub - <http://biblehub.com/>
- One Year Bible Online - <http://oneyearbibleonline.com/>
- Top Scripture Browser Plugin - <http://www.topscripture.com/>

## HOMEWORK

- Establish a routine for your devotional life.
  - Good article: <https://www.reviveourhearts.com/radio/revive-our-hearts/practice-daily-devotional-life/>
  - Key points:
    - Make your devotional time regular
    - Make that time early before you run into your day
      - Get to bed early
    - Make some time where you can be alone with the Lord...Jesus did
    - Make an effort to keep some kind of journal

- Look for Jesus
- Include prayer
- “Make your devotions not just devotions, but devotion!”

## INSTRUCTIONS

### INSTALLING APPS ON IOS (IPHONE, IPAD)

1. On the device tap on the App Store icon
2. Tap on the Search icon at the bottom of the page
3. Type in desired app name (example: WELS Mobile)
4. Tap on “GET” icon to download and install
5. App will download and appear in the first available slot on one of your home screens.



### INSTALLING APPS ON ANDROID (PHONES & TABLETS)

1. On the device tap on the Google Play Store icon
2. Tap the “Apps” icon on the home screen of the Play Store (it is usually green)
3. Tap the Search (magnifying glass) icon at the top of the screen
4. Type in desired app name (example: WELS Mobile)
5. App will download and appear in the first available slot on one of your home screens.

