



WOW: Word Of the Week

Daily

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The New Testament uses the word “daily” only thirteen times (ESV). The phrase, “every day,” appears six times. Of those occurrences, only four describe daily activities of followers of Jesus. How simple! There are only four things the Bible says a follower of Jesus does every day!

Luke 9:23-24, take up your cross and follow Jesus! Every day, every morning, resolve anew to follow Jesus in cross-bearing. I think of Paul’s description in Gal. 2:20—I do not live, I do not go forth, Christ lives in me. As I go forth, Christ is going forth. If you are not accustomed to beginning each day with a cross-commitment, this will take some “getting used to.” Develop a mindset, remember that the follower is always like the Master. Disciples take up the cross and follow Jesus daily. When I do not begin my day and live out my day with this commitment, I fall short in discipleship.

Acts 17:11, the noble Bereans searched, scrutinized, the Scriptures daily to learn and know truth. The search for truth, the desire to understand the truth more clearly, never ends. Disciples spend time daily in the Word, listening to God, listening to the instructions of the Master. How will we receive daily guidance if we do not spend daily time in the Word?

Acts 5:42, the early Christians taught and preached Jesus incessantly every day, in the temple and in houses. Enough said? Are current-day disciples looking for such opportunities? What does incessantly mean to you? How many days each week is Jesus preached in the church where you attend? When I have asked this question to various Christians, some have responded that Sunday is the only day the gospel is taught and preached. And sadly, in some churches, the Sunday classes and sermons do not clearly present the message. If the world is not coming to Jesus, perhaps it is because the message is not being shared!

Heb. 3:13, let us exhort and encourage one another each day, while the opportunity is ours (while it is yet “Today”).

There you have it—four texts. Christianity made simple.
Disciples of Jesus do four things every day.

- They take up the cross to follow Jesus.
- They scrutinize and search the Scriptures.
- They incessantly teach and preach Jesus.
- They encourage other Christians.