

DAY 6

JEREMIAH 29:13 NIV

The things we focus on will quickly reach the top of our priority list. When we focus on our schoolwork, we prioritize it. When we focus on a relationship, we prioritize it. When we focus on following Jesus, we tend to focus on it! It's not a bad thing for any of these things to be a priority; it's just important that we keep our priorities in the correct order. Our relationship with God should always be first, and after that, our priorities can be in all sorts of different orders. But that number one spot can impact how you treat the entire list!

Today, list your priorities and see if there are some you may want to rearrange.

DAY 7

ROMANS 12:2 NLT

It's important to know that the people you date can influence your thoughts, behaviors, and actions. Since this is possible, it's important to pay attention to what Paul writes in Romans and to think about our relationships in a unique way. As your thought patterns change, the more you'll be aware of how to prioritize what God says is best in every area of your life, including your relationships.

Today, decide that you will let your focus on following Jesus every day. Let that decision influence your thoughts, behaviors, and actions more than anything else.

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HIGH SCHOOL

DAY 1

PROVERBS 11:3 NIV

Have you ever heard the quote, "Show me your friends, and I'll show you your future"? When it comes to who you surround yourself with and their influence on your life, it's important to understand what's happening. Are they drawing you closer to the things God wants for your life? Or are they pulling you farther away? Do you feel supported and encouraged by them? Or do you feel dismissed? This can apply to friendships as well as relationships, of course. Especially in dating, you want someone kind, faith-filled, and loving. Is that how you would describe your people?

Today, take inventory of your current or future relationship and decide what kind of person you want to give your time and attention to.

DAY 2

PSALM 123:1 NIV

Have you ever gotten a new prescription for your glasses, but when you tried them on, something didn't seem right? Maybe you even experienced motion sickness because they had the wrong prescription! So, the doctor remade them, the motion sickness ended, and you could see clearly! Here's the reality: If you hadn't adjusted the lenses, it could've affected your daily life, not allowing you to focus on your work and keeping your focus on what wasn't right. Have you ever felt like something wasn't quite right with a relationship but didn't want to "adjust the lenses?" It happens often. It's important to keep your vision of what God wants for your life, especially when it comes to your relationships.

Today, ask God to give you the clarity you need to make any needed adjustments in your relationships.

DAY 3

MATTHEW 6:19-21 NIV

"Where you invest your love, you invest your life." It's a great lyric by the band Mumford and Sons. And it connects perfectly with the idea that who or what you invest in is who you become. Are you investing more in yourself and your faith? Or are you investing more in a relationship that could be temporary? It's important to make an eternal investment over a temporary one, right? It can be hard to know which you're investing more in, so it could be helpful to ask a leader, coach, or mentor to help you figure it out and walk through it together.

Today, ask yourself this question: Where am I investing? Then, decide how you want to invest more in your faith and how that could impact your future.

DAY 4

MATTHEW 7:12 NIV

People remember how you make them feel, don't they? Do you remember when someone extended a hand to you when you needed it most? Even if someone isn't in your life forever, they can leave an impression... good or bad! This could affect the way you act or react as well. When it comes to who you date, remember that you want to make a positive, long-term impression. Not only this, but you want to choose someone who treats you well. When you make these decisions, you may avoid some negative side effects in the future.

Today, think about how you want people to describe how you treat them. Then, think about how you want them to treat you. Keep those things in mind in your relationships this week.

DAY 5

PROVERBS 24:27 NIV

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High school can be time-consuming and stressful.

You may think, "I only have time to focus on my classes right now."

You may also realize that you need to spend time with friends and family.

You also have service hours, SATs & ACT preparation, clubs, and extracurricular activities.

After you think you cannot have anything else on your plate, someone asks, "What are your plans after graduation?"

Whether you are a first-year or a senior, parents and teachers may have already talked to you about your future with great expectations.

You might have plans. You might not.

No matter what people say or how much you plan, you never know what God has planned for your future. All you can do, all God asks of you, is to prepare yourself by trusting in Him.

Build your faith in the Lord.

Today, take a moment to steady yourself and your faith. Breathe in, pray to God, and remind yourself that, as you have faith, you will be ready for whatever future God has in store for you.