

DAY 22 - A HOLY DISSATISFACTION

Core Value: Scripture



Philippians 3:12–14 (CSB)

“Not that I have already reached the goal or am already perfect, but I make every effort to take hold of it because I also have been taken hold of by Christ Jesus. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: forgetting what is behind and reaching forward to what is ahead, I pursue as my goal the prize promised by God’s heavenly call in Christ Jesus.”

God uses holy dissatisfaction to keep us returning to Him daily.

Paul’s confession—“*I have not arrived*”—is not a moment of insecurity. It is a settled posture. Paul understands that spiritual growth is not something you finish; it is something you **return to every day**.

This is one of the most important lessons for developing a lasting devotional life.

Many believers assume daily devotionals are for beginners or for particularly disciplined people. Paul dismantles that idea. Even after decades of ministry, suffering, and obedience, he still wakes up aware that God has more to form, more to reveal, and more to grow.

Scripture protects us from two dangerous endpoints:

- **Complacency**, where we stop seeking because we think we’re “far enough along”
- **Condemnation**, where we stop seeking because we feel we’ll never measure up

Paul rejects both by practicing *ongoing pursuit*. His dissatisfaction is not frustration—it is hunger. And hunger is what keeps us coming back to God’s Word day after day.

Notice that Paul’s effort is grounded in grace: “Because I have been taken hold of by Christ Jesus.”

Daily devotion does not earn God’s approval. It responds to God’s initiative. We return to Scripture not to prove devotion, but to stay aligned with the One who has already claimed us.

This final week is not about completing a devotional guide—it is about learning to **keep opening Scripture when no guide is telling you what to read**. Holy dissatisfaction becomes the internal motivation that carries you forward.

Core Value Practice — Scripture

Read Philippians 3:12–14 again slowly.

Then write: “If I were to return to God’s Word daily, it would be because...”

Practice Steps

1. Find a quiet place where you won't be interrupted.
2. Read Philippians 3:12–14 out loud once, then silently once.
3. Write the sentence above in your journal or notes.
4. Sit quietly for one minute, asking God to grow your hunger for Him.

Reflection Questions

1. Where have you assumed spiritual growth should feel more “finished” than it actually does?
2. What usually motivates you to open Scripture—habit, guilt, curiosity, or hunger?
3. How does knowing Christ has already taken hold of you reshape *why* you would meet with Him daily?

Daily Action Challenge: Choose a daily Scripture anchor.

Before today ends:

- Choose a **consistent time** you could realistically meet with God each day (even 5–10 minutes)
- Choose a **simple starting place** for Scripture after this week ends (a Psalm, a Gospel, or Philippians again)

Write it down.

Pray before bed:

“God, help me meet You again tomorrow.”

Guided Prayer

God, Thank You that You are still forming me. Guard my heart from settling or striving. Create in me a hunger that draws me back to Your Word, not out of obligation, but out of desire to know You more. Because You have taken hold of me, I choose to keep pressing forward—one day at a time. Amen.