



Weekly Bible Study Resources

## **Bible verses from the *New Living Translation* for your weekly Bible study**

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**Matter**

### Golden Text

[Gal 5:17 NLT] 17 The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each other, so you are not free to carry out your good intentions.

### Responsive Reading

[Jhn 6:63 NLT] 63 The Spirit alone gives eternal life. Human effort accomplishes nothing.

[1Co 2:9-14 NLT] 9 That is what the Scriptures mean when they say, "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him." 10 But it was to us that God revealed these things by his Spirit. For his Spirit searches out everything and shows us God's deep secrets. 11 No one can know a person's thoughts except that person's own spirit, and no one can know God's thoughts except God's own Spirit. 12 And we have received God's Spirit (not the world's spirit), so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us. 13 When we tell you these things, we do not use words that come from human wisdom. Instead, we speak words given to us by the Spirit, using the Spirit's words to explain spiritual truths. 14 But people who aren't spiritual can't receive these truths from God's Spirit. It all sounds foolish to them and they can't understand it, for only those who are spiritual can understand what the Spirit means.

### Section I

1] [Isa 45:5, 8-9, 19, 22 NLT] 5 I am the LORD; there is no other God., ... 8 "Open up, O heavens, and pour out your righteousness. Let the earth open wide so salvation and righteousness can sprout up together. I, the LORD, created them. 9 "What sorrow awaits those who argue with their Creator. Does a clay pot argue with its maker? ...19 I, the LORD, speak only what is true and declare only what is right. ... 22 Let all the world look to me for salvation! For I am God; there is no other.

2] [Jer 23:24 NLT] 24 Am I not everywhere in all the heavens and earth?" says the LORD.

3] [Isa 2:5 NLT] 5 Come, descendants of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

4] [Gal 5:16-17 NLT] 16 let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves. 17 The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each other,

### Section II

5] [Isa 58:11 NLT] 11 The LORD will guide you continually, giving you water when you are dry and restoring your strength. You will be like a well-watered garden, like an ever-flowing spring.

6] [Act 17:28 NLT] 28 For in him we live and move and exist.

7] [2Ki 2:19-22 NLT] 19 One day the leaders of the town of Jericho visited Elisha. "We have a problem, my lord," they told him. "This town is located in pleasant surroundings, as you can see. But the water

is bad, and the land is unproductive." 20 Elisha said, "Bring me a new bowl with salt in it." So they brought it to him. 21 Then he went out to the spring that supplied the town with water and threw the salt into it. And he said, "This is what the LORD says: I have purified this water. It will no longer cause death or infertility." 22 And the water has remained pure ever since, just as Elisha said.

### Section III

8] [Rom 8:16 NLT] 16 For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children.

9] [Act 17:25 NLT] He himself gives life and breath to everything, and he satisfies every need.

10] [2Ki 4:8, 12, 16-21, 25-27, 30, 32-33, 35-36 NLT] 8 One day Elisha went to the town of Shunem. A wealthy woman lived there, and she urged him to come to her home for a meal. After that, whenever he passed that way, he would stop there for something to eat. ... 12 He said to his servant Gehazi, "Tell the woman from Shunem I want to speak to her." When she appeared, ... 16 "Next year at this time you will be holding a son in your arms!" 17 But sure enough, the woman soon became pregnant. And at that time the following year she had a son, just as Elisha had said. 18 One day when her child was older, he went out to help his father, who was working with the harvesters. 19 Suddenly he cried out, "My head hurts! My head hurts!" His father said to one of the servants, "Carry him home to his mother." 20 So the servant took him home, and his mother held him on her lap. But around noontime he died. 21 She carried him up and laid him on the bed of the man of God, then shut the door and left him there. ... 25 As she approached the man of God at Mount Carmel, Elisha saw her in the distance. He said to Gehazi, "Look, the woman from Shunem is coming. 26 Run out to meet her and ask her, 'Is everything all right with you, your husband, and your child?'" "Yes," the woman told Gehazi, "everything is fine." 27 But when she came to the man of God at the mountain, she fell to the ground before him and caught hold of his feet. ... 30 But the boy's mother said, "As surely as the LORD lives and you yourself live, I won't go home unless you go with me." So Elisha returned with her. ... 32 When Elisha arrived, the child was indeed dead, lying there on the prophet's bed. 33 He went in alone and shut the door behind him and prayed to the LORD. ... 35 the boy... opened his eyes! 36 Then Elisha summoned Gehazi. "Call the child's mother!" he said. And when she came in, Elisha said, "Here, take your son!"

### Section IV

11] [Rom 8:9 NLT] 9 you are not controlled by your sinful nature. You are controlled by the Spirit if you have the Spirit of God living in you.

12] [2Ki 5:1-3, 9-14 NLT] 1 The king of Aram had great admiration for Naaman, the commander of his army, because through him the LORD had given Aram great victories. But though Naaman was a mighty warrior, he suffered from leprosy. 2 At this time Aramean raiders had invaded the land of Israel, and among their captives was a young girl who had been given to Naaman's wife as a maid. 3 One day the girl said to her mistress, "I wish my master would go to see the prophet in Samaria. He would heal him of his leprosy." ... 9 So Naaman went with his horses and chariots and waited at the door of Elisha's house. 10 But Elisha sent a messenger out to him with this message: "Go and wash yourself seven times in the Jordan River. Then your skin will be restored, and you will be healed of your leprosy." 11 But Naaman became angry and stalked away. "I thought he would certainly come out to meet me!" he said. "I expected him to wave his hand over the leprosy and call on the name of the LORD his God and heal me! 12 Aren't the rivers of Damascus, the Abana and the Parpar, better than any of the rivers of Israel? Why shouldn't I wash in them and be healed?" So Naaman turned and went away in a rage. 13 But his officers tried to reason with him and said, "Sir, if the prophet had told you to do something very difficult, wouldn't you have done it? So you should certainly obey him when he says simply, 'Go and wash and be cured!'" 14 So Naaman went down to the Jordan River and

dipped himself seven times, as the man of God had instructed him. And his skin became as healthy as the skin of a young child's, and he was healed!

Section V

13] [2Ki 6:1-2, 4-7 NLT] 1 One day the group of prophets came to Elisha and told him, "As you can see, this place where we meet with you is too small. 2 Let's go down to the Jordan River, where there are plenty of logs. There we can build a new place for us to meet." ... 4 So he went with them. When they arrived at the Jordan, they began cutting down trees. 5 But as one of them was cutting a tree, his ax head fell into the river. "Oh, sir!" he cried. "It was a borrowed ax!" 6 "Where did it fall?" the man of God asked. When he showed him the place, Elisha cut a stick and threw it into the water at that spot. Then the ax head floated to the surface. 7 "Grab it," Elisha said. And the man reached out and grabbed it.

14] [Rom 13:1 NLT] 1 all authority comes from God,

Section VI

15] [Mat 4:17, 23 NLT] 17 Jesus began to preach, "Repent of your sins and turn to God, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near." ... 23 Jesus traveled throughout the region of Galilee, teaching in the synagogues and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom. And he healed every kind of disease and illness.

16] [Mat 5:1-2 NLT] 1 One day as he saw the crowds gathering, Jesus went up on the mountainside and sat down. His disciples gathered around him, 2 and he began to teach them.

17] [Mat 6:24 NLT] 24 "No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

18] [Psa 100:2-3 NLT] 2 Worship the LORD with gladness. Come before him, singing with joy. 3 Acknowledge that the LORD is God!

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