

# HOW CAN YOU LIVE FOR GOD?

## DAY 4

If you decide to live for God, you've got to decide NOT to do something first. You've got to decide NOT to live just for yourself.

Now, no one said this would be easy. But God calls us to a high standard. And He knows it takes practice and commitment!

Circle the words below that you want to be true about you. Cross out the words that you want to leave behind.

**Generous**  
**Stubborn**  
**Caring**  
**Greedy**

**Selfish**  
**Passionate**  
**Lazy**  
**Self-Absorbed**

**Open-Handed**  
**Flexible**  
**Committed**

If you want to get there—if you want to live out those circled words—you definitely need God's help. And you need to practice making small decisions each day that will lead you where you want to go. It's worth the fight to know that you're truly **living for God!**

**LIVE**  
FOR GOD

# COMMITMENT

**MAKING A  
PLAN AND  
PUTTING IT  
INTO PRACTICE**

## DAY 1

**READ MARK 12:41-44**

**GIVE 110%.  
GIVE IT YOUR BEST SHOT.  
GIVE IT ALL YOU'VE GOT!**

We say things like that all the time. We admire athletes who "leave it all on the field." We celebrate people who are "all in." Can you think of anyone like that?

What if you were looking at the crowd that day, when Jesus saw the widow give her coins? You would have seen the rich people giving large amounts of money. You might have thought, "Wow, they're so generous!" But Jesus saw something different. The rich people only gave a tiny portion of their lives to God but the widow gave everything. Even though she gave less money, she gave more generously because of her attitude.

Simply put, she had decided to **live for God**. She had made a commitment: to give the money she had toward God's Temple. It wasn't for show. It wasn't to be seen by others. But Jesus saw her and He knew she was "all in"!

**HEAR**  
FROM GOD

**WEEK 4 - PRETEEN**

## DAY 2

A bright neon sign points people to a restaurant.

A one-way road sign tells you which direction you should go.

The hands on a clock point toward the numbers, so you always know the time.

Our lives can point somewhere too . . . if we let them. That's what worship is all about. It's not just about singing, or even about thanking God in your prayers. It's deciding that you're going to live your life in a way that honors God and points other people toward Him. And other people notice when you decide to live for God.

### AFTER ALL . . .

- **THEY SEE HOW YOU MAKE WISE CHOICES.**
- **THEY SEE THE WAY YOU TRUST GOD NO MATTER WHAT.**
- **THEY SEE HOW YOU TREAT OTHERS THE WAY YOU WANT TO BE TREATED.**

**Ask Him to help you point His way with the choices you make every day.**

**PRAY**  
TO GOD

## DAY 3

**Tonight, ask your parents this question:**

### **WHO'S SOMEONE YOU REALLY ADMIRE BECAUSE OF THE WAY THEY LIVE FOR GOD?**

Ask them to tell you the full story. Why they chose that person. What makes them stand out?

What you'll find is that their chosen person isn't perfect. None of us are. But they probably have some habits that help them live God's way.

Before you go to bed, write down a couple of sentences of how you'd like to stand out—how you'd like to live for God.

### **I WANT TO STAND OUT BY . . .**

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**TALK**  
ABOUT GOD