

Devotion Info
The City of God – Part 2

DAY 1 Read Revelation 22:1-2

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- Why do you think both the water and the tree have the modifier “life” attached to them (“the water of life” and “the tree of life”)?

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Some people who have had near-death experiences describe an exhilarating, cleansing, healing feeling when they swim in water or eat fruit in heaven.

- Why do you suppose God provides these types of extraordinary experiences in the life to come?

DAY 3 Read 1 John 14:2

Then God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground.” Genesis 1:28 NLT

The Lord God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to tend and watch over it. Genesis 2:15 NLT

For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago. Ephesians 2:10 NLT

- How do these verses reinforce the truth that God created us to work, serve, lead and rule?
- Why do you think people often have a negative view of work here on earth? (see Genesis 3:16-19)

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DAY 4 Read Luke 19:16-19

The first servant reported, 'Master, I invested your money and made ten times the original amount!' "Well done!" the king exclaimed. 'You are a good servant. You have been faithful with the little I entrusted to you, so you will be governor of ten cities as your reward.' "The next servant reported, 'Master, I invested your money and made five times the original amount.' "Well done!" the king said. 'You will be governor over five cities.' Luke 19:16-19 NLT

- Have you ever thought about what it might mean to “rule” or “govern” over angels, cities, nations, animals, projects, etc?
- Is this concept appealing to you? (Remember, there is no sin in heaven)

DAY 5 Read Luke 16:9

You will show me the way of life, granting me the joy of your presence and the pleasures of living with you forever. Psalms 16:11 NLT

A single day in your courts is better than a thousand anywhere else! I would rather be a gatekeeper in the house of my God than live the good life in the homes of the wicked. Psalms 84:10 NLT

“That is why they stand in front of God’s throne and serve him day and night in his Temple. And he who sits on the throne will give them shelter. Revelation 7:15 NLT

People who have had near-death experiences say the ultimate joy and fulfillment is found when they simply reside in the presence of God.

- Why do you suppose that is?

(Get a copy of the book Imagine Heaven and read a portion each morning, reflecting on the stories and Bible verses as you go throughout your day. You could also get it on audible and listen to a story as your drive to work, run errands, etc.)