

Questions for thought:

- What does the passage say about God?
- What does this passage say about human beings?
- What does this passage say about creation, the environment?
- What does this passage say about the things “Taken” as gifts from God?

Monday September 11th

Read Genesis 3:22. After humanity has already eaten from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, the concern that drives them out of the garden is the chance they would next eat from the tree of life. Humanity has “taken” from the tree and now must answer for that choice.

Tuesday September 12th

Read Matthew 1:20. Joseph is told that everything is going to be okay and that God is responsible for Mary’s situation. He is told to “take” Mary as his wife. Joseph brings Mary into his life as a gift from God.

Wednesday September 13th

Read Matthew 9:6. The man who is healed isn’t given anything new to take but he is told to take his mat. What was the real gift that was given?

Thursday September 14th

Read Ephesians 6:13. The gift from God is a list of things meant to help us through this life. What are we asked to “take?”

Friday September 15th

Read Proverbs 11:30. This wisdom passage is a warning that a life making poor choices for vengeance will yield something out of our power. What is taken?

Saturday September 16th

Read Hebrews 9:23. We are not called to take something but it is taken on our behalf. It is the greatest of all things as a gift from Christ.

Look at the prayer list. Who can you pray for? Who needs a little extra help in an area where you can make a difference?

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