



21 | Mon – Eye on the prize | Read [Revelation 21:1-5](#)

It is easy to be consumed by the immediate but one of Steven Covey's *7 Habits of Highly Effective People* is "to begin with the end in mind." The verses above are a reminder of what lies ahead for those who follow Jesus. As you read, which of the things mentioned are you dealing with in your life right now? How does thinking about your ultimate future put your current challenges into perspective?

22 | Tue – Who will be there? | Read [Revelation 21:27](#)

There are a few classic jokes floating around about who you might meet at the Pearly Gates but think about it for a minute. Just for fun, make a list of everyone you would like to live with forever. Whose names would be on it? Is there anyone on the list you dearly love but are not sure if they have a relationship with Jesus? Now is the time to start praying for them and be ready for any heart-to-heart conversations that God might allow you to have.

23 | Wed – But they really bug me! | Read [Matthew 22:39](#) and [John 13:34-35](#)

There are those who believe church people should be perfect. Has that been your experience? Truth is some Christians can really get on your nerves and others, if you are honest, you can't even stand to be around. What will you do when you both get to heaven? Sneak around avoiding each other? Something to think about. Something to pray about.

24 | Thu – Tools to help | Read [Matthew 5:43-48](#) and [Romans 12:17-21](#)

When you frequently have contact with difficult people, how do you react? It might be easy to have hard feelings but who knows what personal difficulties others might be facing? No matter how you *feel*, you can *choose* to act rightly toward them. Read what Jesus commanded and then Paul's practical application. Try one or more of these and see what happens. A side benefit of obedience is that you may experience a surprising change of heart toward that person. But if not, you will still be honoring God by your actions.

25 | Fri – Yes but... | Read [2 Corinthians 1:3-5](#) and [Revelation 21:4-5](#)

If such a grand future is ahead, why do you think God allows such difficult circumstances in your life now? Is it because challenges change you, cause you to grow? Some things that happen are so tragic and senseless there is no adequate explanation. But even in those times, you may experience a comfort so deep it actually brings healing. You can find hope because God promises to make everything right in the end. And God always keeps His promises.

26 | Sat – Right now | Read [1 Thessalonians 5:17](#) and [Philippians 4:6-7](#)

Whether dealing with difficult people or your own personal struggles, there is one thing that never fails to change your perspective. As you look ahead to your very bright future and you list the blessings you have in this moment, something in your heart changes. When you lift your eyes to focus on who God is, aside from the blessings you have been given, people and situations look different. What are some other benefits that come from speaking grateful words aloud to God and to others?