

August 5 | Sunday

Shaped by God's heart...consistent and consecrated

Read [1 John 3:4-10](#)



06 | Mon – Faithfully consistent | Read [Proverbs 20:6](#)

Do you have friends you trust because they are consistent? Are you that kind of person? Can people count on you to do what you say you will do? It used to be such a strong value in our society years ago that a contract might not be put on paper; your word was your bond and a handshake was all that was needed. As you live out this week, practice being consistent so your words match your actions and see what the effect will be.

07 | Tue – One who is consistently faithful | Read [Deuteronomy 7:9](#) and [Psalm 145](#)

Human beings can be inconsistent, unfaithful, and self-contradictory but those are not words that describe who God is. As you read the verses listed above, what did you notice about God's character? How does this shape the way you think about Him? Life can be filled with injustice, tragedy and loss. How would you answer someone whose life experiences have caused them to disbelieve God's intentions for them are good?

08 | Wed – It starts with being honest | Read [1 John 1:5-10](#)

Is it okay to admit you are inconsistent and have failed God or others? Yes! It is dishonest for anyone to claim they have no faults or inconsistencies. Change requires facing the truth about yourself. Let these words from John give you hope because God *is* faithful. Being omniscient (knowing everything), God completely understands we are frail, flawed human beings and has made a way to be free from sinful, self-centered living. Have you acknowledge your need for His help recently? This might be a good time.

09 | Thu – When nobody is watching | Read [Matthew 24:45-51](#)

It is easier to be consistent when a boss sees your work but what about when he is away on vacation? This story reminds us how strong temptation can be when we are alone. God's people will do the right thing whether there is an audience or not. They understand they are working for a different 'Boss.' Is there an area of your life where you struggle to be consistent? Find a trusted friend who will respectfully hold you accountable.

10 | Fri – Consecrated: set apart | Read [Exodus 29:43-46](#)

If you have made the decision to accept God's offer to become His redeemed child, something unique has happened to you. You have been *consecrated*. This uncommonly word means something or someone set apart for a holy purpose. In the Old Testament, the priests were ordinary people set apart for the holy purpose of helping others learned to live the way God intended. What is your holy purpose? How are you living it out?

11 | Sat – It's *my* body | Read [1 Corinthians 6:19-20](#)

Most people consider their body to be private property and no one else's business. Consider these verses above. As a consecrated person, set apart for holy purposes, is that completely true? If God has chosen to dwell in people instead of a building, does this make your body holy? If so, you have the honor of representing God in how you dress, talk, act and interact with others. Looking at it this way, are there changes you may want to make in the way you treat your body (God's temple)? It is always your choice.