



## A GOD-LIVED LIFE

- *A Life of Being a Disciple*
- A Life Lived for Others
- A Life of Hospitality
- A Life Lived Shrewdly

### MONTH 1

#### *A Life of Being a Disciple*

This month, the particular focus of the God-lived life is that of being a disciple, a learner, one who grows in God's Word. May God's Word cause us to crave that pure spiritual milk so that by it we grow up in our salvation.

### WEEK 3

Each week in our God-Lived Life Challenge, we'll have a midweek devotion to remind us what it's all about—why we do what we do. **This week, God reminds us we are new.**

## BE WHAT CHRIST HAS MADE YOU—A NEW CREATION!

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!*

**2 Corinthians 5:17**

You are a *new* creation, and heaven is your home. But watch out! The world will try to trip you up and make life difficult for you. Your sinful nature will try to load you down with stress, time-consuming tasks, and deserved diversions, so that you will not have time for or be excited about Bible study. The “old you” forgets you were meant for Bible study.

Paul wrote to the Corinthians and to us to remind us of what God has made us and designed us to be, “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!” (2 Corinthians 5:17) The Spirit works in us through the Word to remind us of *who* we are in Christ—God's own children. The Spirit works in us through Bible study to *grow* and *mature* us—so we are truly wise and helpful to our fellow mankind. The Spirit works through study of the Scriptures to help us *walk by faith* and not by sight, not by how everything feels or seems in this world. Paul told the Corinthians, “For Christ's love compels us.”

We are *new* creations! By studying God's Word, we will be better equipped to handle this life and better armed as his ambassadors to hold out this life-giving message: “God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God” (2 Corinthians 5:21).