

Saturday, November 22, 2014

Name: _____

Reviewing Biblical Decision Making AND Practicing D1 in Psalm 61:1-4

DUE:

Saturday, December 6, 2014

As you begin this homework, ask God to help you direct your heart to Him and His Word. Take a few minutes to talk to Him about how your pursuit of Him in His word has gone over the last week or so. As you pray, jot down what ideas come to your mind about your Bible reading (discouragements, encouragements, etc.). Please talk to someone else in your discussion group about anything discouraging. We'd love to help!

LOOKING BACK...

Review your lesson notes from November 8 ("Biblical Decision and the Fallacy of 'Finding' God's Will"). As you reflect back on that lesson what did you find new, encouraging or helpful? Is there one thing that stands out to you above the others that you want to work on immediately? Are there any questions that have arisen in your mind that you'd like to ask?

LOOKING DAY BY DAY...

As you read through your reading plan over the next two weeks, write down in the space below the different character descriptions of God (His attributes) that you come across. Which attribute(s) of God have encouraged you? Why? How do those attributes of God need to intersect your daily living?

LOOKING AHEAD...

In preparation for the Saturday, December 6 lesson (D1 - The Discipline of Shepherding My Heart), would you say you are easily discouraged? Why or why not (as far as you can tell)? When you are discouraged, do you have a plan or strategy for getting out of the discouragement or do you just let time pass and hope the discouragement will go away on its own?

LOOKING DEEPER...

Read all of Psalm 61:1-8. Now consider the following from Psalm 61:1-4...

1. Make a list of how God is described by David (What is David counting on God to be for him?):

2. Make a list of the petitions David asks of God:

3. How does David view himself before God?

Q: What do you need to meditate on and remember concerning God's character? How does God's character bring comfort to you today (remember, not everything God did for David will necessarily be done for you by God)?

Q: In what ways do you want to become more like David? In the way he views himself? In the way he views God?

Write out a prayer... focus on: praising God for His character and petitioning God in similar ways as David did in Psalm 61:1-4.