



## 21-DAY FAST Devotional #12– THE RIGHT TOOL

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Having the right tools are important! Recently I decided I was going to build a barn door. I read the directions off of Pinterest and watched a couple YouTube videos. I knew what I was doing! I went out and purchased what was needed, sanded and stained the wood, and then put it together. When it was finished it looked great. I was very proud of my barn door. I even took a picture and posted it on Facebook. Then the time came for it to be installed and there was a big issue, the door hung crookedly!! I had forgotten one very important tool, a square. All of the hard work had to be undone and redone properly. The next barn door I made, I used a square, and it hung beautifully!

What's the lesson? So often in life we go around thinking we know what we're doing, but that's not always true. We have to have the right tool. What is the right tool for life? The Bible! We have to know what it says. It's where we find the truth. It's what helps us do things the right way. **2 Timothy 3:16 (NLT)** says, "**All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.**" If we are going to depend on the right tool, it behooves us to become familiar with it! That means taking the time to read, memorize, and meditate on it. **Psalm 119:105 (NLT)** says, "**Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.**" This week, let me encourage you to begin to plug into the power source by taking time to consistently use the right tool, the Bible.

**Question for today:** What can you do this week to start getting familiar with the Bible?

**Verses to look up:** Joshua 1:8, Hebrews 4:12, Romans 10:17, Psalms 119:11

**Prayer for this week:** Dear Jesus, thank you for loving me, giving your life, rising again, and for giving me your Holy Spirit. Help me this day to not drift from the vine and into vice. I know that there is a power that comes from staying connected to You which enables me to bear fruit. Help me to walk in Your power! May others see the fruit that is being produced in my life, through my relationship with You, and that they may desire to do the same. I pray for my church that we will see breakthrough! Help people to come to you through my witness and through my congregation. I pray for breakthrough in marriages, health, finances, emotions, habits, and all areas. May I be the person You want me to be and may our church be the church You want us to be. Let change begin in my heart and flow over to my home, my church, and my community! Amen