

GROW CLOSER TO GOD
BEFORE EACH SCHOOL DAY

MR. B's

SCHOOL YEAR

DEVOTIONAL

ABOUT
CHARLIE C. BROWN



Mr. B (Charlie Clark Brown) has an incredible story of loyalty, love, and faith. His journey at Bellevue Christian School started when he moved his family from Oregon to Bellevue, Washington to help grow and support a faith centered school. Mr. B taught Art, World Geography, Typing, Photography, Yearbook, and more. He constantly opened up his home for foreign exchange students as well. He honestly filled in wherever there was a need.

He brought Christianity into all his subjects, relationships, and friendships. He saw the need for the Lord's word and through his desire to grow his community. He started handing out devotions to each student in the mornings. After working at BCS for 54 years, he retired in 2017. However, his retirement didn't stop him from standing at the school's front door every morning handing out his devotions.

When Covid set in, he physically wasn't able to do it anymore. So, he started individually texting his devotions out to his students and the BCS community instead. This man left a legacy and is truly an example of a hard worker. I think we can all agree that the Lord's words to Mr. Brown will be, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

This book is Mr. B's words inside and out. It is made in correlation with with the weeks and the days of the school year. It is intended for a school day morning devotional study. Each day is made up of a verse and the body of the text is Mr. B's words he shared, his daily devotional.

Thank you, Mr. B - From all your kids at BCS.

WEEK 1

PRAISE

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*"And I, when I am lifted up from the earth,
will draw all people to Myself." John 12:32*

The Church grew, in the early century, because its people lifted up Jesus. Jesus said, *"And I, if I am lifted up, I will draw all people to Myself."* Jesus was and is exalted. Jesus must be the center. Once you get saved, you get baptized. Once saved, you're saying, *"Here I am and I belong to Jesus Christ"*. Identify with Him by being baptized as many of you have. Like an automobile in the factory once dipped into the tank of paint, it takes on the identity of the color in the "Advertise" for Jesus through confession, salvation, identification with Him through baptism.

Talk to Him. Prayer is simply having a conversation your with God. Have words with Him to express feelings, attitudes, and convictions. He is an excellent listener. Jesus is not looking for the beauty in your prayers. He's looking for a heart of love. A heart of someone who wants to know Him and be drawn closer to Him. Enjoy your talks, as many of you do. Fall more and more in love with Him as the days go by. He will grow sweeter to you. Continue to lift Him higher for all to see. I had a banner on the photo room wall that read "LIFT JESUS HIGHER". Another banner over the main door read, "YOU ARE A WINNER IN JESUS CHRIST". He is our Most Excellent Majesty. There is joy in serving Jesus. He makes His instructions very clear and He leads us through the service mechanics. We have a Savior that involves Himself with us. Have a comfortable day rejoicing.

PRAISE

DAY 2

*"Awake, harp and lyre!
I will awaken the dawn.
I will praise you, Lord, among the nations;
I will sing of you among the peoples.
For great is your love, higher than the heavens;
your faithfulness reaches to the skies.
Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;
let your glory be over all the earth."
Psalm 108:2-5*

Sing to your soul and to Jesus as I have done in the following words.

"My heart gladdens in the presence of God's light; There's a love song rising up inside me. These feelings in my heart must be released. I feel so alive, I just can't help but sing about the One who makes my heart beat.

I love living in love with Jesus. I love knowing that He loves me. He makes the sunshine in my heart when the way is dim. Oh, how I love living in love with Him! His presence is a treasure this world can't afford.

Each day with Him is sweeter than before. He satisfies me, yet He makes me long for more, even in the sunshine and the storm."

- The Collingsworth family, Musical group

God is good to you all the time. His eye is upon you eternally. It is wonderful to be in His Presence, not presents, although He gives us daily His mercy and grace all wrapped with a gorgeous bow. We love being in love with Jesus. In return, you are loved deeply. All is well!

PRAISE

DAY 3

"From the west, people will fear the name of the LORD, and from the rising of the sun, they will revere his glory. For he will come like a pent-up flood that the breath of the LORD drives along." Isaiah 59:19

*"The Lord is exalted over all the nations,
his glory above the heavens." Psalm 113: 4*

We pray and praise throughout the day, from sunrise to sunset or awake time. We even sing to Him. Therefore, sing a new song to Him. He loves us for doing that. He will assist us with a tune in words. Sometimes, we can even add our own words to a secular song like, *"Have I told you lately that I love you, well, Jesus, I am telling You now."*

He will do a new work in our day. He is waiting to hear our words and songs all the time. Our attention should never be on the negative but on what is positive in Him. He is forever giving us blessings in our day. We thank Him for being so good to us every hour. We are always in good hands.

PRAISE

DAY 4

*"I will exalt you, my God and King; I will bless Your Name
forever and ever. Every day I will bless You, and I will praise
Your Name forever and forever."
Psalm 145:1-2*

Do you bless His name forever? Every day? Exalt your King today. Think of all that He has done for you in the past and all that He has in store for you. He is good. Tell Him that today and remember that this week.

PRAISE

DAY 5

*"Blessed are those who dwell in Your house;
they are ever praising You." Psalm 84:4*

*"Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me?
Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise Him,
my Savior and my God." Psalm 42:11*

We can choose to be discouraged or not. This could be a difficult choice especially if we are sick, and do not feel well and are tired, discouraged by circumstances, or we are facing a challenging day ahead. We could think about encouraging verses that are uplifting. That, alone, could change our attitude. Our circumstances do not control us. God blesses our souls and we put our hope in Him.

Psalm 43:2 reads to us, *"Why must I go about mourning? Send forth Your Light and Truth, let them guide me; let them bring me to Your holy mountain where You dwell. You can change the pattern of your day. Enjoy and learn this day that the Lord has provided for you and be thankful."*

"The LORD is with me; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me? The LORD is with me; He is my Helper. I look in triumph on my enemies." (Psalm 118:6-7) He has committed Himself to be your helper. No one can come against you. The LORD is the sustainer of my life.

"O LORD, You have searched me and known me. You know when I sit and when I rise. You understand my thoughts from afar. You search out my heart and my lying down. You are familiar with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, You know all, O LORD." (Psalm 139:1-6)

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for instruction, for conviction, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." (2 Timothy 3:16-17) "For everything that was written in the past was written for our instruction, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures, we might have hope." (Romans 15:4)

The LORD appeared to me from afar: "I have loved you with everlasting love; therefore I have drawn you with loving devotion." (Jeremiah 31:3) Remember, O LORD, Your compassion and loving devotion, for they are from age to age. (Psalm 25:6) He brings you warmth and security.

"I am the good shepherd. I know My sheep and My sheep know Me, just as the Father knows Me and I know the Father. And I lay down My life for the sheep." (John 10:15)

Charlie Brown was a beloved teacher at Bellevue Christian School. Each morning he would pass out scriptures to students as they arrived for their school day. When school went online, Charlie Brown brought his inspirational messages to current and previous students through daily text devotionals. This devotional book is a compilation of Charlie Brown's texted devotionals meant to be a guide for you throughout your school year!