

# 30 Days of Adoption



## Adoption thoughts, insights, ideas and things to consider as we explore this vital topic

Children need families and adoption is one of the most important avenues for giving children loving homes and creating chosen families. There are many testimonies of adoption out there which include wonderful redemptive experiences along with others that are heartbreaking.

Learning about adoption is the first step in the process to find out if this is what your family is called to do to complete your family unit.

Exploring a topic is crucial before proceeding or deciding if this is for or not for you.

These 30 days are dedicated to exposing oneself to more thoughts about adoption and what it could mean for you to consider this as the option for your family.

The writing is not based on expert advice or meant to tell anyone what to think about adoption. These thoughts are presented simply for people to consider for their own discretion and prayer purposes to lay before the Lord to hear what He has to say about adoption in general and if this avenue is His plan for your family.

Let's explore this topic and learn as much as we can about what adoption entails and how it can impact children's lives who have had no family to belong to based on various circumstances.

*Let's Explore  
Adoption*

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Adoption  
thoughts

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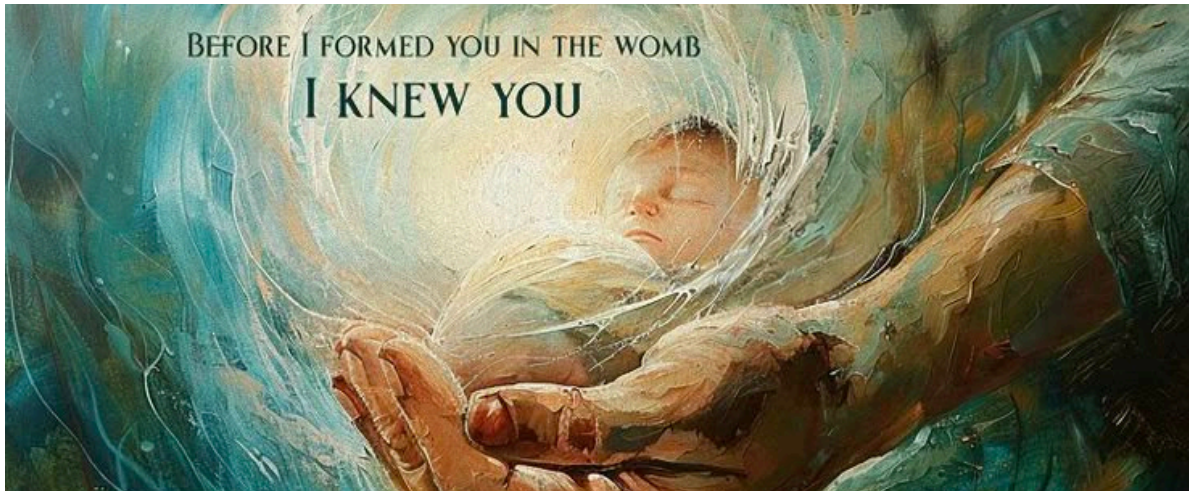
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## Some thoughts about adoption for those who want to learn more or are already passionate about pursuing this avenue of expanding their family

### Day 1:

If adoption is pursued with genuine love it can be one of the most redemptive aspects of the Gospel in action. The Saviour of the World was adopted and proceeded into His destiny. The Heavenly Father saw fit to entrust His Son to a mother and father who would look after Him until it was time for Him to walk in His calling.

### Day 2:

Adoption is love in action. There are many reasons that a child may need to be adopted and not all of them begin with rejection but many are the result of trauma and pain. Children also need to heal from their pain and it may take time for them to be able to receive love.

### Day 3:

Adoption can be the first option for expanding the family unit and it does not have to be a 'second option' or 'plan b'. Those who can conceive may still consider adoption as their first option as every child needs a family. Giving birth to a child is just one way of expanding one's family and adoption is one of those ways that anyone could consider.

### Day 4:

Adoption involves not only redemption and love it also involves pain, trauma and loss. The loss of one's biological parents and the gain of one's new adoptive family can be overwhelming. A child needs time to heal and grow into their new life.

### Day 5:

Moses was adopted, Esther was adopted, Samuel was adopted and Yashua the Messiah (Jesus Christ) was adopted. Believers in the Messiah are adopted into God's family. Adoption is part of salvation for all those who will come to the Heavenly Father and it would be natural for His children to adopt to expand their family.

### Day 6:

Adoption can come with many challenges just as conceiving and carrying a biological baby has challenges throughout the process. The Holy Spirit has been sent to help us in every area of our lives especially when it comes to looking after others. The Heavenly Father desires to help and be a part of every aspect of the adoption process not to mention every area of our lives.

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**Day 7:**

The earlier that one can teach their children about adoption and how this is just as valid when having a child as when one has a biological child the easier it will be for this to feel normal to the child as opposed to feeling strange. The desire to shield a child from pain by hiding information may end up having the opposite effect whereas lovingly sharing information can prevent further harm.

**Day 8:**

There are various types of adoption and one could pray about which type would be the best for the child and their family. The Heavenly Father knows the very best way for each situation. There are open or closed adoptions, national or international adoptions, infant or child adoptions and many other variations. God can help reveal the best choice for each family.

**Day 9:**

Living on this earth isn't always easy, creating a healthy marriage isn't always easy, starting a business isn't always easy, learning something new isn't always easy, raising children isn't always easy and adoption isn't always easy. So many things have obstacles and challenges but we pursue them anyway because they are worth the effort. Adoption is worth it.

**Day 10:**

There are enough people in the world to help adopt the children of the world. True parents will take responsibility for those who may not have anyone to provide them with a home. Adoption not only gives a child parents, but it gives parents a child.

**Day 11:**

Adoption can help heal trauma, provide worth and many other crucial human needs that every child needs to be met. A child who has been adopted may have some trauma to overcome but it also can provide a way for this trauma to be healed.

**Day 12:**

Adoption can help to prevent and fight against human trafficking, abuse, crime and brokenness. Children who have no guardians can be subjected to harm, abuse and even human slavery. Adoption plays a crucial role in the fight against child trafficking and crime.

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# CARING FOR ORPHANS IS NOT JUST A COMMAND, IT'S A PRIVILEGE.

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Day 13:

The goal of foster care is to protect children. Some children may be reunited with their family of origin if the situation becomes safe. Sometimes children in foster care need to be adopted because the original family are not a safe place and cannot be for whatever reason. Some children are not orphans physically, but they still need a safe family who can adopt them.

Day 14:

Adoption is supposed to be a solution to a tragic situation which involves the biological parents not being able to raise the child. The child of adoption often needs time to recover from their trauma before they can receive the love, acceptance and value being offered by the adopted parents.

Day 15:

Many people may feel that they are not equipped or in a place to adopt a child but this is why there are classes, training and support groups to help offer assistance to those who have never experienced this way of adding to their family before. One may want to research what it would be like to adopt a child rather than set the idea aside because they feel they are unable to pursue adoption.

Day 16:

Some may feel 'called' to adopt whereas others may not feel 'destined'. Often people are surprised when something that they may not have considered such as adoption is something that changes their life. Many may find that if they start to pursue this topic they may find that something they were not impacted by could greatly affect their heart.

Day 17:

Children whether biological or adopted can have many challenges. Adopted children may have unique things to overcome because of the trauma they have experienced. Understanding and learning how to parent a child with trauma can make all the difference. One may find that the challenges take a turn for the better once they know how to parent from a trauma perspective.

Day 18:

Prayer can pave the way for one's adoption journey. One can pray for God's will to be revealed regarding every aspect of the process. Praying for which adoption agency to use can make all the difference. Praying for the child you are called to adopt. Praying for the paperwork, the right people and God's grace and protection over the entire process can make everything flow smoothly.

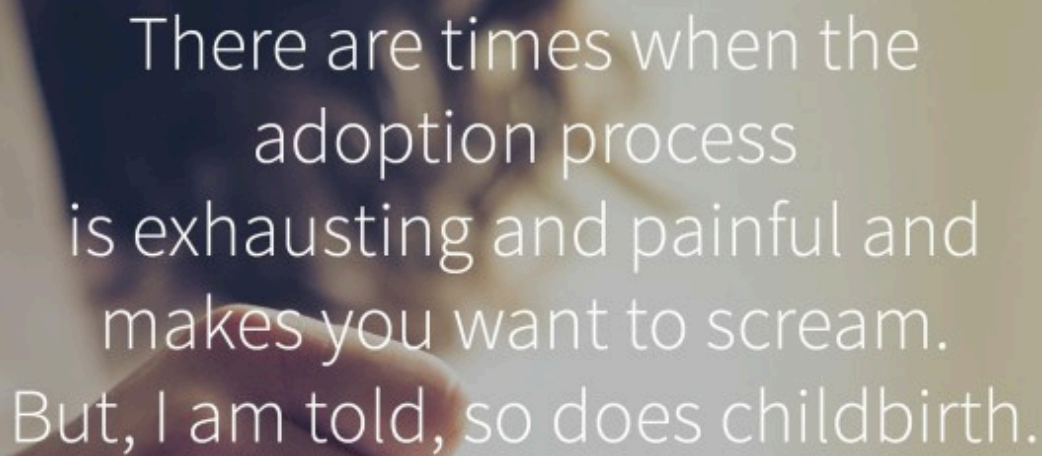
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There are times when the adoption process is exhausting and painful and makes you want to scream. But, I am told, so does childbirth.

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### Day 19:

Some may feel deterred from adoption because of the financial cost and lengthy process. Praying for wisdom regarding the monetary aspect of adoption and how to go about it could change everything. One may consider a fundraiser to cover the expenses and ask their community to consider supporting their adoption journey. Some people may not be in the position to adopt but they may be able to help finance someone else's process.

### Day 20:

Children who find out that they have been adopted from a young age and whose parents have taught them the truth about adoption are far better equipped than those who never knew they were adopted and find out later in life. One is more likely to be traumatized by information that was hidden from them for years rather than being told as a child and supported by their adoptive parents.

### Day 21:

Adoption involves research. One may need to research the culture, environment and background of the child they are adopting to support their child especially if the adoption is international. Children may be facing the loss of not only their biological family but also their culture and nation if they are adopted and moved to another area in the world. Adoptive parents can incorporate aspects of the culture into their lives.

### Day 22:

Those who desire to adopt or those who desire to find out more about adoption may come across some devastating stories from adoptees who had terrible experiences and still carry immense trauma around their adoption. It could be very discouraging when one learns how a child is impacted and how hard it can be in certain circumstances. There are also many positive testimonies from those who have been adopted. It is good to learn from both those who had healing experiences and those who wished they were never adopted.

### Day 23:


Adoption is redemptive but before this there is trauma. Children are placed up for adoption for many reasons, but the trauma of a baby being separated from their biological mother or family of origin is still traumatic for them. Adoptive parents will still need to learn to parent from a trauma perspective.

### Day 24:

Children who are adopted will act in various ways based on their circumstances. Some children may attach fairly quickly to their new family whereas others may take a lot more time until they feel ready to attach or feel like they belong. Some may resist the love shown towards them and others may be open to letting some kindness touch their heart early in the adoption.

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**Giving birth does not make her  
a mother.  
Placing a child for adoption  
does not make her  
less of one.**

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Day 25:

Some people feel that they are not ready to adopt and sometimes it is not the right time. Other times it may not feel like one can handle it, but the child is in desperate need of a home. Parents looking to adopt would do well to seek God about the timing and if they should wait or if their hesitations are coming from areas they can overcome. It may be the right time for some to adopt but they may be afraid of being overwhelmed whereas if they know that others in their community or family will support them, they may realize that they can proceed.

Day 26:

Every story of adoption is different and it is always good to learn from other testimonies of adoptees and those who have adopted. Still, it is also important to realize that one person's story is not someone else's. One testimony may encourage you greatly and another one may be heartbreaking. It is important to follow what God is impressing on one's heart.

Day 27:

The motive behind adoption needs to be right. If one wants to adopt a child first and foremost 'for themselves' and not for the child to have a loving family then they may want to reconsider. Unconditional love needs to be the reason for adopting a child. Challenges may arise that cause huge adjustments in one's life and if unconditional love is not the basis for adopting then one may not be ready to consider this pursuit.

Day 28:

Adopting a child isn't a trial run. If a child is adopted in foster care the parents may have been able to bond with the child and experience what it is like to have that child live with them, but adoption mostly doesn't have a testing period. Adopting a child is a lifelong commitment to include the child in your family.

Day 29:

The Bible contains scriptures about the importance of looking after the orphans and the widows. Some children only have one parent for various reasons and it can be healing for those in the Body of Christ to come alongside the single parent and offer support. A child may not need to be adopted physically but offering the single parent and the child/children a type of spiritual adoption can be very beneficial when led by God.

Day 30:

If you were a child without a family or home would you appreciate it if a loving family came along and chose you to be part of their lives? How would you feel if no one wanted you and you had no place to belong? The Lord said that the second most important commandment is that we love our neighbour as ourselves. If you have the space in your life and God is leading you in this area consider that loving your neighbour could include adoption.

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