

DEVOTIONALS



SETTING ASIDE TIME TO GET TO KNOW GOD

I. WHY DO I NEED TO HAVE A _____ QUIET TIME / DEVOTIONAL?

1. We were _____ to have fellowship with God; He desires it.

Genesis 1:27, 2:7, 3:8 So God created man in his own image...

Revelation 3:20 Look! I've been standing at the door and constantly knocking. If anyone ... opens the door, I will come in and fellowship with him and he with me.

2. Jesus _____ to make a relationship with God possible.

1 Corinthians 1:9 God... has invited you into this wonderful friendship with his Son, Christ our Lord.

3. Personal time alone with God was Jesus' _____.

Mark 1:35; Luke 22:39; Luke 5:16 - Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed

4. Every person who has been effective in _____ for God developed this habit.

(See example of Abraham, Moses, David, Daniel, Paul, etc...)

5. You cannot be a _____ Christian without it!

Matthew 4:4 Man cannot live on bread alone, but on every word that God speaks.

Job 23:12 ... I have treasured the word of His mouth more than my necessary food.

Psalms 119:9 How can a young man cleanse his way? By keeping to you Word.

II. WHAT IS THE _____ OF MY QUIET TIME?

1. To Give _____ to God.

Psalms 29:2 Give to the Lord the glory due his name. Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.

2 Chronicles 31:21 Hezekiah was successful, because everything he did ... he did in **a spirit of complete devotion** to his God.

2. To Get _____ from God.

Psalms 25:4 Show me the path where I should go, O Lord; point out the right road for me to walk. Lead me...

3. To Gain _____ in God.

Psalms 37:4 Delight yourself in the Lord; and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Psalms 16:11 ... God's presence fills me with joy and brings me pleasure.

TIP: The better I get to know Christ, the more _____.

III. HOW DO I GET _____ ?

1. Select a specific _____.

- The best time to have a quiet time is when I am: _____ – consider mornings.

Psalms 5:3 In the morning, O LORD, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.

- Whatever time you set, be _____.
2. Gather the _____ you'll need.
- A _____ - with readable print.
 - A _____ - to write down what the Lord speaks to you about.
 - A _____ - book - if you want to sing.
3. Follow a simple _____. (One Year Bible, S.O.A.P. Method, etc.)
4. Choose a special _____.
- Luke 22:39** Jesus left the city and went, as he usually did, to the Mount of Olives ... to pray.

TIP: The important factor: Get _____.

Mark 1:35 Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went to a solitary place, where he prayed.

THE "S.O.A.P. METHOD" - STEPS FOR A 25 MINUTE DEVOTIONAL

I. _____ **TO GOD** (2 minutes) – Use a list you have prepared.

II. _____ **YOUR BIBLE** (10 minutes) – Have a plan.

III. _____ **YOUR THOUGHTS** (10 minutes) – Have a notebook or journal.

1. **S = Scripture:** Write down a meaningful scripture from your reading.

2. **O = Observation:** Write 1-2 paragraphs "Observation" about this passage.

3. **A = Application:** Write a 1-2 paragraphs of personal "Application" about this passage.

4. **P = Prayer:** Write a 1-2 line prayer related to this passage.

IV. _____ **or PRAY** (3 minutes) – About the thoughts God gave you.