

# 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.