the habit of quiet time



James 1:12 (PHILLIPS)

But the man who looks into the perfect mirror of God's law, the law of liberty (or freedom), and makes a habit (there's that word) of so doing, is not the man who sees and forgets. He puts that law into practice and he wins true happiness.

A quiet time is a daily time I set aside to be alone with God to get to know Him through the Bible and prayer.

1. We were <u>CREATED</u> to have fellowship with God.



Genesis 1:27 (NIV) So God created man in His own image.



Revelation 3:20 (p. 967)

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with Me."

2. Jesus <u>DIED</u> to make a relationship to God possible.

1 Corinthians 1:9 (TLB)

God will surely do this for you, for He always does just what He says, and He is the one who invited you into this wonderful friendship with His Son, even Christ our Lord.



3. Personal time alone with God was Jesus' SOURCE OF STRENGTH.

Luke 5:16 (NIV)

Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.



4. Every person who has been effective in <u>SERVICE</u> for God developed this habit.



5. You cannot be a <u>HEALTHY</u> Christian without it!

Matthew 4:4 (NLT) "People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."



Job 23:12 (p. 403) I have treasured the words of His mouth more than my portion of food.



Psalm 119:9 (NIV) How can a young man cleanse his way? By living according to Your word.



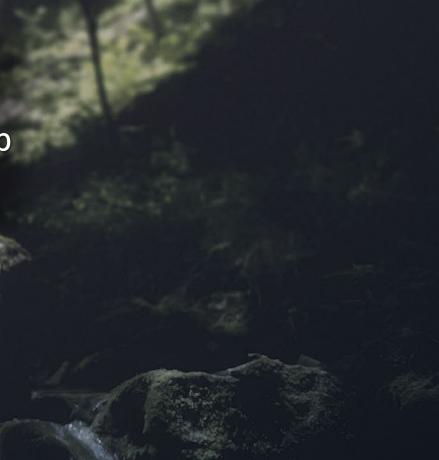
The Purpose of a Daily Quiet Time



1. To give **DEVOTION** to God.



Psalm 29:2 (p. 431) Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.



Revelation 4:11 (p. 967)

"Worthy are You, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for You created all things, and by Your will they existed and were created."

John 4:23 (p. 836)

But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship Him.



2. To get **DIRECTION** from God.



Psalm 25:4-5 (TLB)

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

Two Things to Do in a Quiet Time 1. Consider your WAY.



Proverbs 4:26 (p. 497) Ponder the path of your feet; then all your ways will be sure.

Two Things to Do in a Quiet Time

Consider your WAY.
 Commit your DAY.



Psalm 37:5 (NLT) Commit everything you do to the Lord. Trust Him, and He will help you.



3. To gain <u>DELIGHT</u> in God.



Psalm 37:4 (p. 435) Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart.



Psalm 16:11 (p. 424) You make known to me the path of life; in Your presence there is fullness of joy;



FACT: The better I get to know Christ, the more <u>I LOVE HIM</u>.



The objective of your quiet time is not to study about Jesus, but to actually spend time with Him.

4. To grow <u>MORE</u> like Christ.



2 Peter 1:3 (NLT)

By His divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know Him, the One who called us to Himself by means of His marvelous glory and excellence.

How to Begin a Daily Quiet Time

The best time is when you are <u>AT YOUR BEST</u>.
Whatever time you set, <u>BE CONSISTENT</u>.



How Long Should a Quiet Time Be? A PLAN TO GET YOU STARTED **1.** Start with 15 minutes and let it grow. 2. Don't watch the clock! 3. Emphasize quality, not quantity!



Choose a special place.



Luke 22:39 (NIV)

Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and His disciples followed Him.



Mark 1:35 (NIV)

Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where He prayed.

Gather the Resources You'll Need

- A Bible with readable print.
- A notebook to write down what the Lord speaks to you about and to keep your prayer list.
- Lyrics to favorite songs to sing or a set list of songs.



Begin with the right attitude.







Psalm 46:10 (p.441) "Be still, and know that I am God."



EXPECTANCY



Psalm 119:18 (TLB) Open my eyes to see wonderful things in Your Word.







John 7:17 (NLT)

"Anyone who wants to do the will of God will know whether My teaching is from God or is merely My own."

1. <u>RELAX</u> 1 minute 2. <u>READ</u> 4 minutes 3. <u>REFLECT</u> 4 minutes 4. <u>RECORD</u> 2 minutes 5. <u>REQUEST</u> 4 minutes



Never judge your quiet time by your feelings.



Galatians 6:9 (TLB)

Let us not get tired of doing what is right, for after a while we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't get discouraged and give up.