

My Summer of 1996—Spent or Invested

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I. Introduction.

- A. God gives us time in the summer we can either spend on ourselves or invest.
- B. If one does not take care, he can fall into sin. (I Corinthians 10:12, Acts 13:22)

II. Suggestions.

- A. Watch out for old habit patterns. (II Corinthians 5:17, Romans 12:1-2)
 - 1. Serve your parents and be respectful of them when you go home.
 - 2. Watch out for old dating patterns.
- B. Make your number one objective to walk with God. Establish your quiet time.
- C. Set summer objectives early. Start, start now, start enthusiastically, and make no exceptions.
- D. Attend a summer training program if possible.
- E. Look for some accountability and fellowship.
- F. Learn to spend prolonged fellowship time with the Lord.
- G. Work on Scripture memory and review.
- H. Review old messages and sermons.
- I. Read some good Christian books, especially biographies.
- J. Listen to old messages, especially those on discipleshiplibrary.org.
- K. Find someone you can help.
- L. Work hard and earn some money.
- M. Pray for ministry friends.
- N. Exercise.
- O. Pray for people on the dorm who you will meet.
- P. Discipline yourself, and quit looking for shortcuts to spiritual maturity.
- Q. Spend time with some godly people.

R. Have some fun and relax. Take small vacations.

Application questions:

1. Why is it important to set objectives for the summer before summer arrives?

2. Which suggestions do you find most valuable? Explain.

3. What are your top five goals for the summer? Schedule the first two weeks of your summer in a way that best reflects those goals and write it out below.
