

Devotional Life

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I. Introduction.

A. The devotional life is concerned with the conditions of one's heart towards God.

II. The disciple of Jesus is to deny himself. (Luke 9:23)

A. This does not mean that one is to deny things necessarily.

B. This means that one is to deny his person.

III. We ought to spend time in devotion to Christ because we enjoy fellowship with Him. (1 Corinthians 1:9)

A. Our souls pant for God. (Psalm 42:1-2)

B. We realize that Jesus paid the price for our sins.

C. The morning is a good time because we can then chart our course for the day. (Job 1:5, Genesis 19:27, Psalm 5:3)

D. In our devotional time we to express our love for Jesus. (Psalm 55:17)

E. We need to speak out loud to Jesus. (Mark 1:35, Daniel 6:10)

IV. How to prepare.

A. We must make a decision that this is needed. You figure out how to do something if you really want to do it.

B. We have to watch the body and make sure we get sufficient rest. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20, Luke 2:52)

C. Prepare the night before by confessing any sins that are necessary and by making amends to people. (1 John 1:9, Ephesians 4:26)

D. We need to make it a daily habit.

E. We need to have a definite place. (Luke 2:32-39)

F. What to do: pray, read your Bible, review Scripture memory verses, etc.

1. Memorize Scripture.

2. You can easily memorize the gospel. (Romans 3:23, 6:23, Hebrews 9:27, Romans 5:8, Ephesians 2:8-9, John 1:12)

V. Results.

A. We can enjoy this time because we love Jesus.

B. Those that are with Him the most are those that are most like Him. (Proverbs 13:20)

Application questions

1. What ought to be the central reason for the devotional life?

2. How can one develop a consistent devotional life?

3. What role does Scripture memory play in devotions? Memorize Romans 3:23, 6:23, and Ephesians 2:8-9 and write them in the space provided.
