

Use of Summer

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I. Introduction.

- A. Summer can be a time of new beginning for a college student.
- B. One must make some decisions in order to start right.

II. Suggestions.

A. Focus on your relationship to God.

- 1. Spend time in God's Word, and make Bible study goals.
- 2. A lack of study in the Scriptures reflects a lack of heart—not a lack of time.
- 3. Set time aside to focus on your prayer life as a priority.

B. Focus on your relationship with your family. (Mark 10:45)

C. Pick out a ministry to others.

D. Minister in your own church.

E. Set some personal goals.

- 1. Exercise.
- 2. Consider attending a student conference.
- 3. Find some work.
- 4. Come up with an overall objective and break it down into smaller goals.
- 5. Set a goal, make plans to accomplish it, set a timetable, do it, and set a check-up on yourself. (II Corinthians 8:11)

F. Problem areas.

- 1. Family—be careful to serve them.
- 2. Getting your time taken up—be careful to set limits on what you do.
- 3. Dating—be careful to fall into old patterns of dating.
- 4. Television—do not make it a focus.
- 5. Laziness—be careful of sleeping in every day.

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.
