



TIME WITH GOD – EVERYDAY

Daily Devotional Guide

Choose a quiet place without distractions. Try to have some quiet time with God at the same time and place every day. Bring your Bible, journal, and a pen. A relationship with God is a two way street. We hear from God through the Scripture and we speak to God through prayer.

1. Spend time reading Scripture and journaling thoughts and notes.

Before you begin, ask God, “What do you want to say to me?” and “What do you want me to do? At the top of a new page in your journal, write today’s date & scripture passage. Read the passage slowly and prayerfully.

USE “SOAP” TO STUDY THE PASSAGE:

Scripture – Pick 1-2 verses that really spoke to you in that day’s reading. Literally hand write out that verse. Writing it reinforces it in your mind and heart and allows God to further speak to you through that verse.

Observation – Now write a few sentence observation about that verse? What does the verse say about God? What does it say about Us? What do you Like about it? What does the verse mean?

Application – Now write a few sentence application from that verse. Is there a Sin to confess? A Promise from God to claim? An Example to Follow? A Command to Obey? What is something God wants you to do or believe or receive or say or stop doing or change your thinking on because of that verse?

Prayer – Now write a few sentence prayer to God in response to this Scripture. Perhaps ask God for help in applying the verse. Confess a sin that was brought to light or thank God for something He said to you.

2. Spend time in prayer. Use “ACTS” to guide your prayer time.

Adoration - Spend time praising God and adoring Him for who he is (Matt. 6:9). Use Scripture to praise Him (see Pss. 103, 145, 150; Rev. 4:8; 5:12-14). Love and cherish His presence and allow Him to work in and through your life. Be still before Him and enjoy His presence (see Ps. 46:10).

Confession - Confession of sin is part of our continual walk with Christ (Matt. 6:9-13). Spend time asking Christ to search your heart for areas that displease Him (see Ps. 139:23-24). Allow God to cleanse your heart of unconfessed sin (see Ps. 51:10-13). Repent – turn away – from any sin and accept His forgiveness and cleansing (see Jer. 31:34).

Thanksgiving - Thank God for specific things: blessings, people, open doors, guidance, etc. Give thanks for salvation and the privilege of serving a wonderful Savior. Thank Him for his goodness, loving-kindness, and faithfulness (see Ps. 100:4-6).

Supplication – Pray for others and for your own needs (Matt. 6:9-13; Luke 18:1; Col. 4:2; 1 Tim. 2:1-4). Intercede boldly for the needs of others. Pray by name for those who don’t know Christ. Pray for your teammates and your ministry opportunities. Be specific. Write down your requests in your journal and leave room for answers to be recorded.