



QUIET TIME

OBJECTIVE: To establish a consistent daily time of growing, cleansing, loving fellowship with God through His Word and prayer.

PRINCIPLES:

1. God seeks those who will worship Him -- John 4:23,24
2. God's purpose is to conform us into the image of Christ -- II Corinthians 3:18--in:
 - a. Clarity of life lived -- Hebrews 4:15
 - b. Power of ministry done -- John 14:12
3. God's purpose is accomplished through daily fellowship with Him -- the purpose for which we were created - I Corinthians 1:9
4. Daily fellowship occurs through the Word and prayer -- John 15:7

VERSES TO MEMORIZE:

II Corinthians 3:18 John 4:23,24 Mark 1:35 Romans 8:29 John 5:39,40 I Peter 2:2 2 Timothy 3:14-17

SCRIPTURES AND KEY THOUGHTS:

Exodus 34:1-3; God talking to us
Genesis 19:27-29; us talking to God
Psalms 1; the importance of the Word
Psalms 63; David's heart to talk to God

ILLUSTRATIONS:

1. As communication is the key to marriage, it is the key to a successful walk with God.
2. The Word and Prayer are equally important in daily fellowship and like two wings of an airplane one is not more important than the other.
3. A mere 15 minutes a day every day reading about butterflies would make us world authorities on butterflies in a relatively short time. It doesn't take much to really get to know God.
4. An old man in a village near Mt. Rushmore would daily go out and meditate on the life and face of one of those stone figures until he actually looked like the stone face. That is what God wants our relationship with Him to be like.
5. If we aren't having daily fellowship with God, we are like a ship in a desert -- we are not fulfilling the purpose for which we were created.
6. Teams warm up before the game, not after. We need to warm up our lives for the day with God in the morning.
7. A 12 year old boy spends 30 hours a week playing chess and says it is not enough to be really good. Our priorities are wrong when we fight battles to spend 30 minutes a day with God.
8. The Word is like a sieve -- you can't fill a sieve with water but if you try you will at least have a clean sieve. We may not feel like the Word is doing anything for us, but it is at least cleansing our lives -- John 15:3.
9. It is hard to carry on a love affair in a crowd. Get alone with God.

PROJECTS:

1. Read one chapter a day in the Gospel of John recording what about the character of Jesus impressed you the most and therefore what you should be like.
2. Read James a chapter a day underlining favorite verses.
3. Listen to Olford tapes on Quiet Time. www.discipleship.com (Type the last name of the speaker in the top right-hand search box.)
4. Read Psalms 119 and list what the Word does in a life.