

DISCOVERING SPIRITUAL MATURITY A DAILY QUIET TIME

1 Timothy 4:7 (ESV) ... *train yourself for godliness;*

Colossians 4:12 (ESV)

that you may stand mature and fully assured in all the will of God.

FOUR HABITS OF A DISCIPLE

1. TIME WITH SCRIPTURE
2. PRAYER
3. GIVING/SHARING/DOING GOOD
4. FELLOWSHIP

"Sow a thought, reap an act.
Sow an act, reap a habit.
Sow a habit, reap a character.
Sow a character, reap a destiny."

THE HABIT OF A DAILY TIME WITH GOD

DEFINITION: "A quiet time is a daily time I set aside to be alone with God to get to know Him through the Bible and prayer."

I. THE IMPORTANCE OF A DAILY QUIET TIME

1. We were _____ to have fellowship with God.
Genesis 1:27 (ESV) So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Revelation 3:20 (ESV) Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.

2. Jesus _____ to make a relationship to God possible.
1 Corinthians 1:9 (ESV) God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

3. It was Jesus _____
Mark 1:35 (ESV) And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed.

Luke 5:16 (ESV) But he would withdraw to desolate places and pray.

4. Every person who has been _____ for God developed this habit.

Abraham, Moses, David, Daniel, Paul, etc.

5. It is the best habit for becoming a _____
Disciple!

Matthew 4:4 (ESV) But he answered, "It is written, " 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.' "

II. THE PURPOSE OF A DAILY QUIET TIME

1. TO DIRECT OUR _____ TOWARDS GOD. (ORIENTATION)

2 Chronicles 31:20-21 (ESV)

Thus Hezekiah did throughout all Judah, and he did what was good and right and faithful before the LORD his God.²¹ And every work that he undertook in the service of the house of God and in accordance with the law and the commandments, seeking his God, he did with all his heart, and prospered.

Psalm 29:2 (ESV) *Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.*

2. TO GET _____ FROM GOD.

Psalm 25:4 (ESV) *Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.*

Matthew 6:10 (ESV)

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

_____ **your way**

Proverbs 4:26 (ESV) *Ponder the path of your feet; then all your ways will be sure.*

Proverbs 3:6 (ESV) *In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.*

_____ **your way**

Psalm 37:5 (ESV) *Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.*

3. _____ IN GOD.

Psalm 37:4 (ESV) *Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.*

Psalm 16:11 (ESV) *You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.*

FACT:

The more I know Christ, the more I _____ Him.

*The objective of your Quiet Time is not to study **about** Christ, but to actually spend time with him!*

4. TO GROW _____ LIKE GOD.

***2 Peter 1:4 (ESV)** by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.*

***Acts 4:13 (ESV)** Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus.*

FACT:

The more time I spend with Christ, the more I am

_____ into His image.