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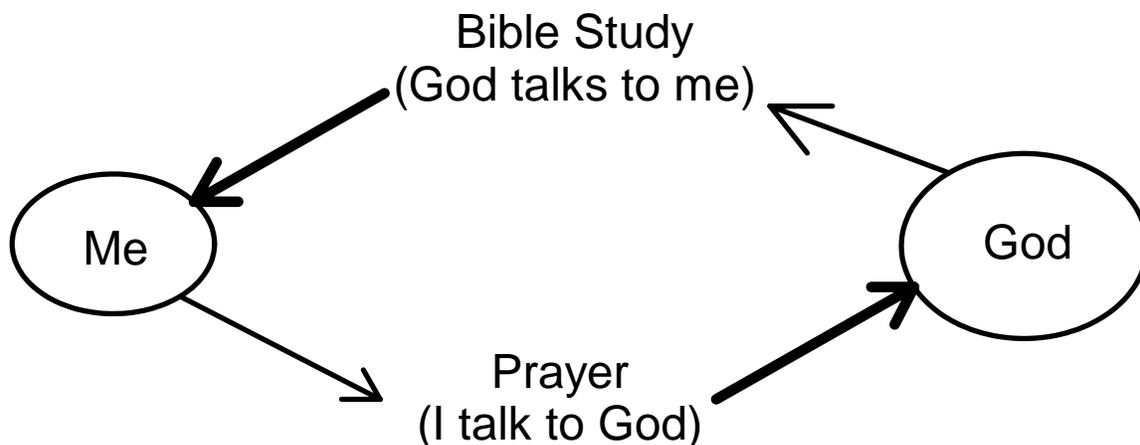
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Bible Christianity is NOT a creed (a set of beliefs), but is a person... the Lord Jesus Christ. When we receive our Lord Jesus Christ as our saviour, we receive HIM as a real person into our heart and life. While there are many things to learn about the Lord and the Christian life, we must never forget there is a personal relationship to be enjoyed and maintained.

Personal relationships are maintained by communication. Every Christian needs a “daily walk” with his or her Lord to enjoy all that God has in store. This is the battleground where victory or defeat in your Christian life will be decided!

6. The Vital Requirements of a Good Daily Walk.

- A. God’s will for you as a young Christian is to grow into spiritual maturity. 2 Peter 3:18 ¹⁸ But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
- B. There are a number of essential requirements for physical growth, and there are some essential requirements for spiritual growth. This study will deal with TWO of the most vital things you will need for a daily walk with the Lord.



7. When Should I Walk With God?

A. In Actual fact, our walk with the Lord needs to be **constant**.

- i) Look up: Joshua 1:8 ⁸ This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

Joshua's command was that God's Word would not depart from the mouth of God's people day and night.

- ii) Look up: Deuteronomy 6: 6-9 ⁶ And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: ⁷ And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. ⁸ And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. ⁹ And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.

- iii) Look up: I Thessalonians 5:17 ¹⁷ Pray without ceasing.

We are commanded to pray without ceasing.

B. Nevertheless, in our busy schedules of daily life, it is necessary for a Christian to set aside a DEFINITE TIME EACH DAY for a devotional walk with the Lord.

- i) Daniel prayer 3 times each day. Look up: Daniel 6:10 ¹⁰ Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime.

- ii) The Bereans prayed daily (Bereans were the inhabitants of the ancient city of Berea, also known in the Bible as Beroea and now known as Veria in central Macedonia.)
Look up: Acts 17:11 ¹¹ These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

iii) There is no prescribed time for your daily devotions – the important thing is that you set aside the time: It may be:

- early in the morning
- after the family has left home for the day
- during an undisturbed lunch break
- when the family has gone to bed

Set the time and stick to it!

Having considered my family, my duties, and my usual activities in light of God's clear command, I now promise the Lord that I will set aside the following time each day for the purpose of Bible study and prayer:

Signed: _____ Date: _____

8. How Should I Walk with God?

A. Divide your time roughly into thirds.

- 1/3 for Bible reading
- 1/3 for thinking about what God has said (meditation)
- 1/3 for prayer

This time, 20 minutes at least, must be deliberately reserved, conscientiously kept, and valiantly defended against the attacks of the devil.

B. Make Habakkuk 2:1 your motto: ¹ I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reproved.

9. Some Basic Rules for Bible Study.

A. Begin with a short prayer, asking the Lord to teach you.

Look up: Psalm 119:18 (but let's read more!) ¹⁰ With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments. ¹¹ Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee. ¹² Blessed art thou, O LORD: teach me thy statutes. ¹³ With my lips have I declared all the judgments of thy mouth. ¹⁴ I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies, as much as in all riches. ¹⁵ I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways. ¹⁶ I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word. ¹⁷ Deal bountifully with thy servant, that I may live, and keep thy word. ¹⁸ **Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.** ¹⁹ I am a stranger in the earth: hide not thy commandments from me.

B. Remember God means what He says and says what he means. Take every word in it's primary, literal meaning – unless the context clearly indicates otherwise. "When the plain sense makes common sense, seek no other sense, or it all becomes nonsense" (no author cited).

C. Keep in mind – while all the Bible is written for you, it was not all written to you, nor was it written about you.

To help understand passages, apply the golden key:

- Who is speaking?
- To whom is he speaking?
- About what is he speaking?
- When was he speaking?

D. Commit to a definite Bible Reading schedule.

E. Keep a notebook to write down truths, insights, and questions. (explain that this is really studying... the only way to learn)

F. Mark your Bible. Underline keys verses. Feel free to mark up your Bible.

G. Treat the Bible as a personal letter from God. Read it ardently and expectantly as a lover reads a love letter.

Jeremiah 31:3³ The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.

H. Scripture always interprets scripture. Always interpret an obscure passage in light of a clear passage. II Peter 1:20²⁰ Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. **[DISCUSS]**

I. You **must** resolve to obey the Word of God as you read it and study it.

John 15:14¹⁴ **Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.**

J. When you cannot understand a scripture, remember you have a pastor who cares for you, and delights in teaching the Word of God. Call him, listen to him, and then go back and check the scriptures to see if what he says is so.

10. Some Basic Teaching on Prayer.

In your daily quiet time with the Lord, you will want to pray. Study #16 will present a full lesson on this subject. But we'll just briefly discuss the basics here:

A. What is prayer?

i) Look up: Matthew 6:5-7⁵ And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.⁶ But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.⁷ But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.

Prayer is not: a chance to brag to God or to be seem by other men.

- ii) Look up: Matthew 7:7a ⁷ **Ask**, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

The word “pray” simply means to ask. Prayer is asking – it is the cry of a Christian unto God, a request of a child to his Father.

B. To whom do we pray (address our prayers to)? **(God the Father)**

Look up:

- John 15:16f ¹⁶ **Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.**
- John 16:23c ²³ **And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you.**
- Luke 11:2 ² **And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.**

Note: This verse is not the Lord’s prayer... it is an example (model) Jesus used to instruct the disciples. See Luke 11:1 ¹ And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.

Handy way to remember the key elements of prayer:

- **A** Adoration – praising and worshiping God Psalm 107:8 ⁸ Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!
- **C** Confession – searching one’s heart and life Psalm 51:10 ¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.
- **T** Thanksgiving – thanking God for all his blessings Hebrews 13:15 ¹⁵ By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.
- **S** Supplication – making requests known to God Ephesians 6:18 ¹⁸ Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

C. In whose name do we pray? **We pray in the name of Jesus.** Look up:

- John 14:14 ¹⁴ **If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.**
- John 16:24 ²⁴ **Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.**

D. What things may we ask for?

- Matthew 6:11 ¹¹ Give us this day our **daily bread**.
- James 1:5 ⁵ If any of you lack **wisdom**, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.
- II Thessalonians 3:1 ¹ Finally, brethren, pray for us, **that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified**, even as it is with you:
- Acts 4:29 ²⁹ And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all **boldness** they may speak thy word,
- Psalm 34:4 ⁴ I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and **delivered me from all my fears**.
- Psalm 119:18 ¹⁸ **Open thou mine eyes**, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.
- Psalm 119:133 ¹³³ **Order my steps** in thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me.

There are many things we can ask for. As a general rule:

- Begin your prayer by thanking God for blessings
- In the middle, pray for others and their needs
- At the end, pray for yourself and your needs

J – Jesus first

O – Others next

Y – Yourself last

- E. Keep an on-going prayer list.
- i) Keep a prayer list with your Bible. On it write down definite requests you have:
 - (1) Special family needs
 - (2) Church needs
 - (3) Other Christians needs

 - ii) Write down the answers as they come

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