

Personal Devotional Life

A critical part of our daily life is regular time spent with God. This time should include Bible reading, meditation on Scripture and prayer. Even if we can only spend five minutes with God, it is important to give God that priority in life. There will be days when we forget or are overwhelmed with other things (and God understands that), but a regular, consistent devotional time is important for victory in the Christian life. Think of it as recharging our spiritual batteries and preparing us to be God's ambassadors in the world.

In the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation. (Psalm 5:3)

Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. (Joshua 1:8)

Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul. (Psalm 143:8)

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. (Psalm 139:23-24)

Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth. (Psalm 46:10)

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. (Psalm 51:10)

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up. (James 4:10)

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1. Why is a personal devotional life so important?
 2. What are different ways to handle and set up a devotional time?
 3. In these verses, what are we asking God to do?
 4. What does it mean to be "prosperous and successful" in Joshua 1:8?
 5. What does it mean to "be still" in Psalm 46:10?
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MEMORIZE: Psalm 139:23-24