

D Daily Walk

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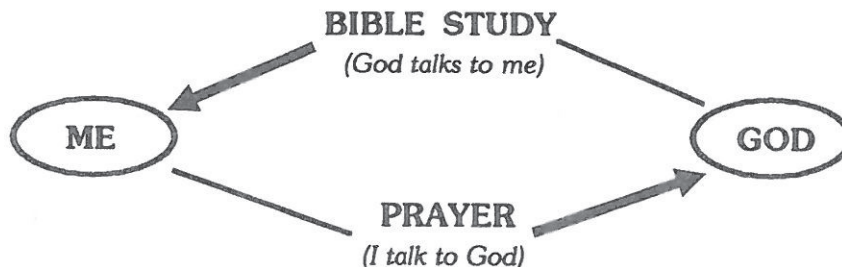
Bible Christianity is **not** a *CREED* (a set of beliefs), but a *PERSON*: the Lord Jesus Christ. When we receive the Lord Jesus as our Saviour, we receive **Him** as a real Person into our heart and life – and although there are many *THINGS* to learn about the Lord and the Christian life, we must *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!!

THE VITAL REQUIREMENTS OF A GOOD DAILY WALK.

- A. Check back to “Preliminary Study #2.” God’s will for you as a young Christian is to _ _ _ _ into spiritual maturity.
- 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 vital things you need for a daily walk with the Lord.



WHEN SHOULD I WALK WITH GOD?

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

1. Look up: *Joshua 1:8*.

Joshua's command was that God's Word would not _____
from the mouth of God's people day and _____ . See also:
Deuteronomy 6:6-9.

2. Look up: *I Thessalonians 5:17*.

Here we are bid to pray without _____ .

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.

1. Look up: *Daniel 6:10*. How many times did Daniel pray each day?

2. Look up: *Acts 17:11*. How often did the Berean Christians read the Word of God? _____

3. There is no prescribed time for your daily devotions — the important thing is that you set a time aside.

It may be early in the morning . . .

It may be after the family has left home for the day . . .

It may be during an undisturbed lunch break . . .

It may be when the family have gone to bed . . .

YOU SET THE TIME — THEN STICK TO IT!

Having considered my family, my duties, and my usual activities in the 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 : _____

HOW SHOULD I WALK WITH GOD ?

Now that you have set aside a definite time for devotions, remember that good habits are hard to form. Ask the Lord to help you keep this one vital appointment. If you fail, don't quit — there's always the next day to re-start.

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!

SOME RULES FOR BIBLE STUDY.

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

Look up and write out *Psalm 119:18*. This is a model prayer for you.

B. Remember God means what He says and says what He means. Take every word in its 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.”

C. While all of the Bible was written **for** you, it was not all written to you, nor was it all written about you.

To help you understand a passage, apply the **GOLDEN KEY**. Ask these 4 questions:

- WHO IS SPEAKING?
- TO WHOM IS HE SPEAKING?
- ABOUT WHAT IS HE SPEAKING?
- WHEN WAS HE SPEAKING?

- D. Have a definite Bible reading schedule. If you don't, your Bible reading will become hit and miss — and so will your Christian life.
- E. Keep a notebook to write down truths, insights, and questions.
- F. Mark your Bible. Underline key verses. Write down other references in the margins. (If you do not wish to do this in your best Bible, purchase a cheaper one for study purposes.)

Note: Not all pens are suitable.
- G. Treat the Bible as a personal letter from God. Read it ardently and expectantly — as a lover reads a love letter. *Jeremiah 31:3*
- H. Scripture always interprets Scripture. *II Peter 1:20*. Always interpret an obscure passage in the light of a clear passage.
- I. You *MUST* resolve to obey the Word of God as you read it and study it. *John 15:14*
- J. When you cannot understand a Scripture, remember you have a pastor who cares for you, and who delights in teaching the Word of God. Call him, listen to him, and then check the Scriptures to see if what he says is so.

SOME TEACHING ON PRAYER.

In your daily quiet time with the Lord, you will want to pray. A full lesson on prayer will be presented in Study #16.

A. What Is Prayer?

1. Look up: *Matthew 6:5-7*. In your own words, tell what prayer is not.
Prayer is not _____.
2. Look up: *Matthew 7:7a*. The word “pray” simply means “to _ _ _ .”
Prayer is asking — it is the cry of a Christian unto God, the request of a child to his or her Father.

B. To Whom Do We Pray?

Look up: *John 15:16f*; *John 16:23c*; and *Luke 11:2*. To Whom should we address our prayers? _____

Note: Nowhere does the Bible teach us to repeat *Luke 11:2-4*. It is not the Lord's prayer. (He never prayed it — it is a “model” prayer.)

C. In Whose Name Do We Pray?

Look up: *John 14:14* and *John 16:24*. We pray in the Name of _____.

D. What Things May We Ask For?

Matthew 6:11 _____

James 1:5 _____

II Thessalonians 3:1 _____

Acts 4:29 _____

Psalms 34:4 _____

Psalms 119:18 _____

Psalms 119:133 _____

There are many other things we can pray for; the above are some examples.
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.

E. Keep An On-Going Prayer List.

1. Keep a prayer list with your Bible. On it write down any definite requests you have – special family needs, church needs, and the special requests other Christians may share with you.
2. Don't forget to write down the answers as they come.

READING ASSIGNMENT:

Read: *Matthew Chapter 6.*

MEMORIZATION:

Review all the memory verses to date :

John 1:12
I John 5:11,12
Psalms 119:11
Hebrews 10:25