

## Quiet Devotion - A Time for Silence

### Psalm 27.4-8

January 29, 2017

#### I. Desire to Be with the Lord in Devotions

4 One *thing* I have desired of the Lord, that will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in His temple.

#### II. Silence and Solitude in Devotions

5 For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion; In the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me; He shall set me high upon a rock.

#### III. Expressions of Joy in Devotions

6 And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me;  
Therefore I will offer sacrifices of joy in His tabernacle; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the Lord.

#### IV. Our Heart's Cry and Actions in Devotions

7 Hear, O Lord, *when* I cry with my voice! Have mercy also upon me, and answer me.  
8 *When You said*, "Seek My face," My heart said to You, "Your face, Lord, I will seek."

## **Questions to Ask at the Start of a New Year – by Don Whitney**

- 1. What's one thing you could do this year to increase your enjoyment of God?**
2. What's the most humanly impossible thing you will ask God to do this year?
3. What's the single most important thing you could do to improve the quality of your family life this year?
- 4. In which spiritual discipline do you most want to make progress this year, and what will you do about it?**
- 5. What is the single biggest time-waster in your life, and what will you do about it this year?**
6. What is the most helpful new way you could strengthen your church?
7. For whose salvation will you pray most fervently this year?
8. What's the most important way you will, by God's grace, try to make this year different from last year?
9. What one thing could you do to improve your prayer life this year?
- 10. What single thing that you plan to do this year will matter most in ten years? In eternity?**
11. What's the most important decision you need to make this year?
12. What area of your life most needs simplifying, and what's one way you could simplify in that area?
13. What's the most important need you feel burdened to meet this year?
- 14. What habit would you most like to establish this year?**
15. Who is the person you most want to encourage this year?
16. What is your most important financial goal this year, and what is the most important step you can take toward achieving it?
17. What's the single most important thing you could do to improve the quality of your work life this year?
18. What's one new way you could be a blessing to your pastor (or to another who ministers to you) this year?
19. What's one thing you could do this year to enrich the spiritual legacy you will leave to your children and grandchildren?
20. What book, in addition to the Bible, do you most want to read this year?
21. What one thing do you most regret about last year, and what will you do about it this year?
22. What single blessing from God do you want to seek most earnestly this year?
23. In what area of your life do you most need growth, and what will you do about it this year?
24. What's the most important trip you want to take this year?
25. What skill do you most want to learn or improve this year?
26. To what need or ministry will you try to give an unprecedented amount this year?
27. What's the single most important thing you could do to improve the quality of your commute this year?
28. What one biblical doctrine do you most want to understand better this year, and what will you do about it?
29. If those who know you best gave you one piece of advice, what would they say? Would they be right? What will you do about it?
30. What's the most important new item you want to buy this year?
31. In what area of your life do you most need change, and what will you do about it this year?