

SPENDING TIME ALONE WITH GOD

- What are three elements in a sustained and deepening fellowship with God? (John 15:7)

I. THE PRELIMINARIES TO SPENDING TIME ALONE WITH GOD

A. DEFINING our TERMS.

1. What terms are used by people to describe this?
2. What are we really talking about? It is a time set aside regularly to _____ and _____ with the Lord individually and to stay in tune with Him. (John 4:23-24)

B. OBSERVING some EXAMPLES:

1. In the life of _____. (Mark 1:35; Luke 5:15-16)
2. In the life of _____. (Luke 10:38-42)
3. In the life of _____. (Psalm 5:1-3; 27:1, 4-5, 7-8)
4. In the lives of the _____. (Psalm 84)
5. In the life of _____. (Daniel 6:10)
6. In the lives of godly men and women such as _____.
 - How about in your life?

II. THE PRIORITY AND PURPOSE OF SPENDING TIME ALONE WITH GOD

A. Its PRIORITY: Why is it important?

1. Because God _____ to you through His _____ and you _____ to Him through _____.
2. Because you are not _____ of _____ but your _____ is from _____. (2 Cor.3:5)

B. Its PURPOSES: What are They?

1. To _____ with the Lord.
2. To occupy your mind with _____ via the Word. (Psalm 1:1-3; Col.3:16)
3. To be reminded of God's great and precious _____ for your walk of faith. (Heb. 4)
4. To _____ over your day, as well as for the needs of _____. (Jer.33:3; Col.4:12-13))

III. THE PRACTICAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SPENDING TIME ALONE WITH GOD

A. WHAT IS HELPFUL?

1. You need a definite _____ and _____ if possible.
2. You can incorporate a time in the _____ and _____.
(Psalm 63:1-8)
 - What is needed in all this?
 - What can you expect if you seek to do this daily?
3. You could utilize a _____ and _____.

B. HOW MIGHT YOU DO THIS?

1. Suggestions on *reading the Word of God*:
2. Suggestions on *prayer*:
3. Other suggestions:

IV. THE PITFALLS TO AVOID IN HAVING A QUIET TIME WITH GOD

A. WHAT ARE THEY?

1. The pitfall of _____ without _____.
2. The pitfall of _____.
3. The pitfall of _____.

B. WHAT QUESTIONS DO YOU HAVE?