

2. Some people use a daily Bible reading plan so that you read the whole Bible right through in one year. Some Bibles have this set out in the back after Revelation.
3. If you are a member of a family, others might like to share with you after the evening meal. You can share Bible readings, pray together, and if someone plays the guitar, you can sing some songs of praise to the Lord.
4. Young children love having Bible stories read to them after the evening meal. You can buy books of Bible stories with exciting pictures. This is a good time to sing scripture verses that have been set to music and it is a painless way to learn God's Word.
5. As the family grows it is a great blessing to read missionary adventure stories. These inspire us to serve God and learn how other men and women have discovered God's power, protection and provision

Christian Fellowship and sharing in God's Word, prayer and praise, bring harmony, peace and encouragement to the whole family.

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CHRISTIAN LIFE AND WITNESS COURSE

Study Two: Daily Communion with God

The Importance of Daily Communion

The Bible stresses and describes in many different ways, how important and vital it is for Christians to spend time with God daily. It is a special time when we can worship God alone and personally get to know the Lord and allow Him to speak to us individually.

Before Jesus sent out the disciples to serve Him what did He require of them?

Mk 3:14,15 _____

God's will for us is to be fruitful believers. How did Jesus say we could become fruitful?

Jn 15:5 _____

What did Mary do? *Lk 10:39* _____

What did Martha do? *Lk 10:40* _____

What did Jesus say was the one thing that is needed? *Lk 10:39,42* _____

The Example of Jesus

Jesus, by His own example, highlighted the importance of spending time alone with God daily. Although He was in constant demand, He would often slip away from the multitudes, away from the ministry, and spend time alone with His heavenly Father.

After Jesus fed the 5000+, He sent the disciples and the multitudes away. When He was alone what did He do? *Mat 14:21-23* _____

What Jesus do, some time before His friends awoke in the morning? *Mk 1:35* _____

The night before had been busy with ministry. What did Jesus do early the next day?
Lk 4:40-42 _____

What did Jesus do after ministering to great multitudes? *Lk 5:15,16.* _____

When the Pharisees were mad at Jesus, and when He was choosing His disciples, what did Jesus do? *Lk 6:11-13* _____

At times the people tried to force Jesus to be “King”. What did he do? *Jn 6:15*

The Blessings of Daily Devotions

God promises to bless and act on the behalf of those who trust in Him, and who will take time to wait upon Him daily, instead of rushing around in misguided zeal.

What happened between the LORD (Jehovah) and Moses, when Moses went into the Tabernacle of the congregation? *Ex 33:7-11.* _____

How much did King David enjoy being in the presence of the LORD (Jehovah)? *Ps 84:1-10*

What does the Lord GOD (Jehovah) say we will receive when we return and rest in Him?
Is 30:15 _____

When we wait upon the LORD (Jehovah), what are some of the blessings He gives to us?
Is 40:27-31 _____

What is the Lord GOD’S (Jehovah’s) purpose when He wakes us up in the morning?
Is 50:4 _____

What is God’s way for us to be strong, very courageous and be able to do all that God wants us to do? *Josh 1:7,8* _____

When we walk in the ways and will of God, what are the results? *Josh 1:7,8.*

Trees that grow beside the river are fruitful, green and prospering. What is God’s way for us to be like such a tree? *Ps 1:2,3.* _____

How to Plan this Special Time with God

1. Pick a time and place where you can spend this time with God without being interrupted. Early mornings are best! *Ps 63:1*
2. Begin your time with praise and worship. Praise God and thank Him for who He is to you, what He has done for you and others etc. Praying through Psalms 145-150 is a big help to many people. There are many other Psalms of praise too.
3. Have a time for confession of any conscious sins. Ask God for His forgiveness according to *1Jn 1:7,9.*
4. Pray for yourself, family, church, friends, unsaved people, city leaders and government, as you are led by the Holy Spirit.
5. Pick a short passage from the Bible and read through it a few times, slowly and thoughtfully. Start with the Gospels of the New Testament. As you read ask the Lord to teach you some lessons from the passage, *Ps 119:18.* Think about ways you can apply the lessons in your own life, situation and circumstances. Finish with a prayer.
6. Keep a notebook to write down what the Lord says to you each day, *Is 50:4; Jer 31:21.*

Helps with the Daily Bible Reading and Prayer Time

1. There are many books published of daily Bible readings, such as “The Word for Today”, “Daily Light”, “Table in the Wilderness”, “Every Day with Jesus”, etc. and these can be a great encouragement.