

Quiet Time

I. Introduction

- Introduce Tom Young and me
- My testimony

II. Purpose of Quiet Time

A. People read the Bible for 3 reasons

1. Direction
Mostly these two
2. Devotion
3. Know God
Go for this one

B. Overriding Purpose

1. To know God
2. Exodus 33:13 - ***“Now therefore, I pray Thee, if I have found favor in Thy sight, let me know Thy ways, that I may know Thee, so that I may find favor in Thy sight.”***

Psalm 103:7 - *He made known His ways to Moses, His acts unto the children of Israel.*

Philippians 3:7-10 - *“But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. ⁸Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the priceless privilege of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord:*

Know God not just about God

III. Example of Bible Characters who did

A. Abraham

Genesis 19:27 - *And Abraham got up early in the morning to the place where he stood before the LORD:*

B. David

Psalm 63:1 - *O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is;*

Psalm 42:1-2 - *As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God. My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?*

C. Jesus

Mark 1:35 - *And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.*

Luke 5:16 - *But Jesus, Himself continued His habit of retiring to lonely places and praying.*

Matthew 14:23 - *And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone.*

IV. Prerequisites for an excellent Quiet Time

A. Logistics

Exodus 34:2,3 - *And be ready in the morning, and come up in the morning unto mount Sinai, and present thyself there to me in the top of the mount, and no man shall come up with thee....*

1. Be ready
 - a. Time
 - b. Place
 - c. Where in your Bible (A plan - more later)
 - d. Paper (Journal)
 - e. Pen
2. In the morning
3. Go to where you will meet with God
4. Present yourself
 - a. Not your plans
 - b. Not your needs
5. Alone

B. The Heart

1. A hunger for God
 - a. Psalm 86:1 - ***Bow down thine ear, O LORD, hear me: for I am poor and needy.***
 - b. Psalm 119:18 - ***Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.***
2. Ask the Holy Spirit to teach you

a. John 14:26 - ***But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.***

b. John 16:13 - ***Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come***

Most important Person of the Trinity at this stage in your life

3. Realize your inability to discern truth

a. Matthew 13:11 - ***He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.***

b. Matthew 16:17 - ***And Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.***

c. Matthew 13:36 - ***Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field.***

You only know what He reveals but you can ask.

4. Attitude

- a. Gratitude
- b. Humility/Submission
- c. Joy/Love God
- d. Desire/Repentance

5. Spiritual Warfare

- a. God's preeminence in our lives
- b. Be alert
- c. Respond to attacks via prayer

V. Suggested Plans

A. Reading Program

OT - 924 (-150 - 31) = 743

NT 260

TOTAL 1003 divided by 365 = 2.75/day

1 Psalm - 1 Proverb

3/Day + 1 Psalm or 1 Proverb = 335 days = 1 December, 2013

Did this for years.

B. Read shorter passage 3x at least

1. 20-30 verses

a. For general information

b. For specific information

c. For personal application

VI. Let the obvious be your teacher - What did He mean?

What did He say?

A. Matthew 25:14-29 - Fearful or lazy and wicked

B. Luke 17:5-10 - Faith or Humility

VII. Keep a Journal

A. Read from mine

B. Write in your Bible

C. Deuteronomy 8:2 -

And thou shalt remember all the way which the LORD thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no.

VIII. Make an application

How do I apply what God just spoke to me about?

IX. Role of devotional books - good ones

A. *Thoughts from the Diary of a Desperate Man*

B. *My Utmost for His Highest*

C. *NOT "What did God say to them but what did God say to me?"*

X. Practice - 30 minute Quiet Time

A. Matthew 13:1-23

B. Matthew 13:24-58

XI. Share from Quiet Time

XII. Be Your Best - Do Your Best

A. President Jimmy Carter story

B. Jim Rohn tapes - *“The Challenge to Succeed”*

1. Do what you can.
2. Do the best you can
3. Don't neglect this
 - a. Could?
 - b. Should?
 - c. Don't?

A recipe for disaster.

C. Isaiah 66:1,2 (NAS)

Thus says the LORD,

Heaven is My throne and the earth is My footstool. Where then is a house you could build for Me? And where is a place that I may rest?

“For My hand made all these things, Thus all these things came into being,” declares the LORD. “But to this one I will look, To him who is humble and contrite of spirit, and who trembles at My word.”

D. II Chronicles 16:9

For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is perfect toward Him.

XIII. Conclusion: Read from my Quiet Time journal

XIV. Complete Workshop Evaluation

JEREMIAH	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
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DANIEL	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12								
HOSEA	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14						
JOEL	1	2	3																	
AMOS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9											
OBADIAH	1																			
JONAH	1	2	3	4																
MICAH	1	2	3	4	5	6	7													
NAHUM	1	2	3																	
HABAKKUK	1	2	3																	
ZEPHANIAH	1	2	3																	
HAGGAI	1	2																		
ZECHARIAH	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14						
MALACHI	1	2	3	4																

“And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the Word of His grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.”—Acts 20:32

New Testament

MATTHEW	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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ROMANS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16				
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II CORINTHIANS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13							
GALATIANS	1	2	3	4	5	6														
EPHESIANS	1	2	3	4	5	6														
PHILIPPIANS	1	2	3	4																
COLOSSIANS	1	2	3	4																
I THESSALONIANS	1	2	3	4	5															
II THESSALONIANS	1	2	3																	
I TIMOTHY	1	2	3	4	5	6														
II TIMOTHY	1	2	3	4																
TITUS	1	2	3																	
PHILEMON	1																			
HEBREWS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13							
JAMES	1	2	3	4	5															
I PETER	1	2	3	4	5															
II PETER	1	2	3																	
I JOHN	1	2	3	4	5															
II JOHN	1																			
III JOHN	1																			
JUDE	1																			
REVELATION	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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