

PROOF

THE LORD is my
STRENGTH
and my shield;
My heart trusts
in Him,
& He helps me.
My heart
leaps for JOY
& with my song
I **PRAISE** Him.

Psalm 28:7

God's Daily Strength for Workplace Challenges

(John 15:1-5)

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A Life without Vision

Where there is no revelation,
the people cast off
restraint... (Proverbs 29:18)

- Killing Time
- Trapped in Busyness





VISION

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Wise Investment: Treasure Exchange

- 19 "Do not store up for yourselves **treasures on earth**, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.
- 20 But store up for yourselves **treasures in heaven**, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.
- 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (Matthew 6:19-21)



Eternal Treasures?

- **Gospel Fruit**

- Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, (Matthew 28:19)

- **Spiritual Fruit**

- But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. (Galatians 5:22-23)

Vocation is Calling



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RESTAURANT



Practical Steps in Daily Life

- Restore the original beauty of God's creation in your position
- Be creative in using your position for great commission
- In the process, depend on God and draw upon His strength
- Since you are close to God, bear spiritual fruit

Challenges at Workplace

- Losing Balance
- Losing Vision
- Temptation
- Self/Sex/Silver

intimate childhood Power
Family patterns Control Wealth power
Healthy relational communication involving Unresolved regarding intimacy
exploitation sex work manipulation Financial
infidelity significant trauma Sex finance
sexual relationships addiction

money

Matthew 5:13

- "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.





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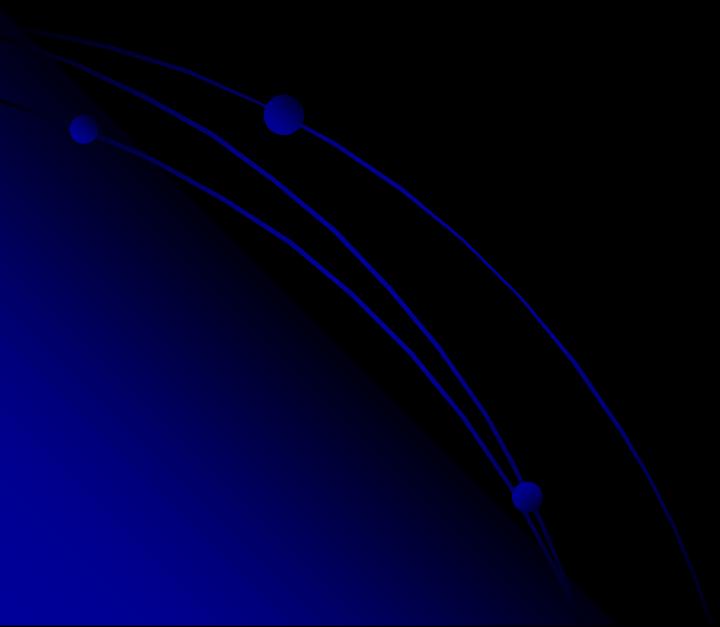


*Fully Rely on
God's Strength*



Reliance on God

- Keep Focus
- Draw Strength





My Testimony

(John 15:1-5)

Japanese Invasion of China

遇难者 300000

遭難者 300, 000

조 난 자 30만

Жертвы 300 тысяч

Vítimas três cem mil

Vittime trecento mila

Θύματα τριακόσιες χιλιάδες

Víctimas trescientos miles

Victimes trois cent mille

Opfer hundert tausend

Victimes hundred thousand







Witnessing & Sharing

- Believe in rigid division of roles and responsibilities
- Limited Bible reading



John 15:1-5

- 15:1 I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. 15:2 He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.
15:3 You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you.

John 15:1-5

- 15:4 **Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.** 15:5 **“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.**



Remain in
the Him

Biblical Example of Morning Prayer

Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.

(Mark 1:35)

Mark 1:21–35

- 1:21 They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. 1:22 The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. 1:23 Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an impure spirit cried out, 1:24 “What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!” 1:25 “Be quiet!” said Jesus sternly. “Come out of him!” 1:26 The impure spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek.

Mark 1:21–35

- 1:27 The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, “What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to impure spirits and they obey him.”
1:28 News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee. 1:29 As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew.
- 1:30 Simon’s mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they immediately told Jesus about her. 1:31 So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them.

Mark 1:21-35

- 1:32 That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. 1:33 The whole town gathered at the door,
- 1:34 and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was. 1:35 Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.



Devotion

Effective Devotion

- Three Kinds of Bible Reading
- Why Daily Devotion
- The Steps of Devotion
- Useful Methods of Devotion

Why Do We Need to Read the Bible Everyday?

- Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.' (Matthew 4:4)

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Three Kinds of Bible Reading

- Cursory Reading
- Studying
- Devotion



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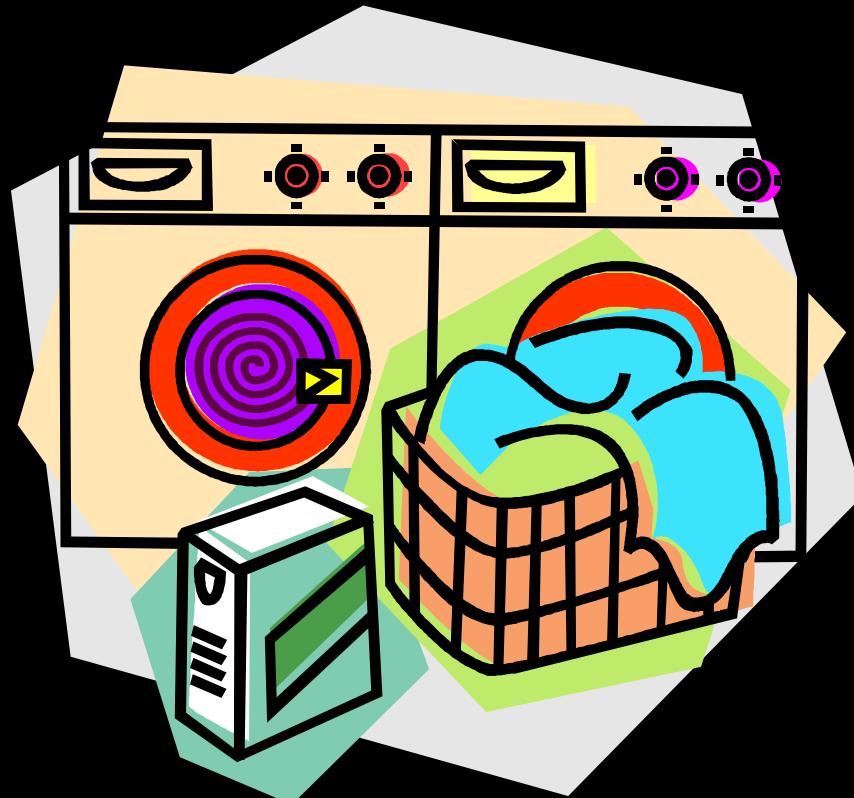
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Why Daily Devotion?

- 20 You, however, did not come to know Christ that way. 21 Surely you heard of him and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. 22 You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to **put off** your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires;
- (Ephesians 4:20-24)

Why Daily Devotion?

- ²³to be made new in the attitude of your minds; ²⁴and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.



Common Problems in Daily Devotion

- Inconsistent,
- Rushing Through
- Just Reasoning, Little Emotional Encounter with God



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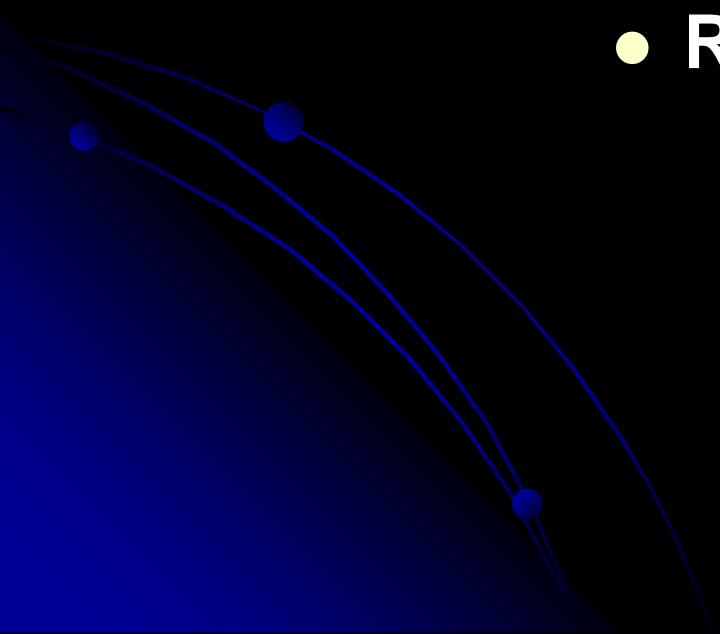
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The Steps of Devotion

- About 15 to 30 minutes
- Start by singing and praising, quiet one's heart before God
- Pray for Holy Spirit's guidance
- Choose a passage, not too long
- Read carefully



The Steps of Devotion



- Pay attention to one sentence or phrase
- Meditate on it-using pyramid method
- Talk to God, tell Him about your situation
- Pray
- Write devotion diary
- Memorize the verse, and meditate on it during the day

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Useful Methods of Devotion

- M emorize
- V isualize
- P ersonalize



Practice (John 8:1-11)

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Useful Methods of Devotion

- **A**doration
- **C**onfession
- **T**hanksgiving
- **S**upplication



Three-Step Approach

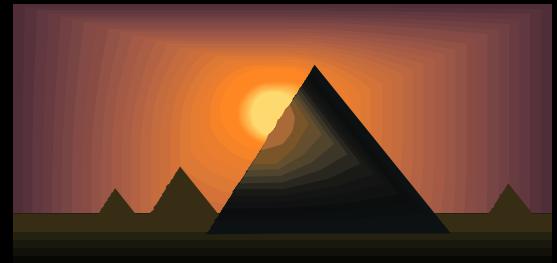
- Human's Circumstances
- God's Character and Work
- Human's Response



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Pyramid Method of Devotion(Psalm16:2)



good thing

apart from you I have no good thing

You are my Lord apart from you I have no good thing



动态
技术

的职重

