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## Do You Have Time For God?

1. So many of us awake every morning, and the first thing which comes to our mind is, "Oh, it's time to get up again. I must hurry and get ready for work. I've got to take a shower, and shave. And I've got to hurry, so I will have time to eat breakfast. For there's always a lot of traffic on the way to work. I'd better hurry!" Or we wake up, and we reset the alarm clock two or three times before we finally get out of bed. Then we rush to get ready for work, or to go to school; then we rush out the front door, making certain that we are on time. We forget all about eating breakfast, forget to hug the children, forget to hug and to kiss our love mate, and to tell them goodbye. But worst of all, we never have a thought of starting our day out in prayer; or of telling our Heavenly Father good morning; or of taking time to realize that He has given us a good night's sleep, or that He has given us a beautiful new day to enjoy. Never even having a thought of asking Jesus or the Heavenly Father or the Holy Spirit to help us through the day. And the majority of the time, never thinking of telling the Holy Spirit that we appreciate his presence with us, and to please lead us and guide us in the right way throughout the day. And how many of us ever think of taking the time, before we go to bed, to thank God that He has helped us and protected us throughout the day; and ask Him to please forgive us for any sin which we may of committed during the day? And how many of us ask Him as we lie down to go to sleep, to please protect us throughout the night; and to give us a good night's sleep? I'm afraid that if we were totally honest with ourselves, that we would have to say that very few of us ever do these things. We are a people who are always on the go, and think that we never have time for anything; especially for spending any time with God. So many of us go through our life using the excuse that we do not *have* time to pray, or that we do not *have* the time to read the Word of God. One very important fact that I learned many years ago, concerning prayer and reading the Word of God, is that we must *make* time for both of these very important matters. They must both be a part of our daily planning. For if we wait until we *have* the time to pray, or to read the Word of God, then we will never

*have* the time. For Satan will always bring things into our schedules which are unexpected, to make sure that we do not ever have the time to spend with God; neither in prayer, nor in reading the Word of God. Prayer and Bible reading are two very vital things that we all must always *make* time for; or else we will never get to either one. They are the two greatest ways in which we can spend time with God.

Many people in our society today, look at life just as a journey which they are to go through; which will come to an end one day, when their body is placed in the graveyard. They never give a second thought to what may come tomorrow; or to anything other than the circumstances that they are facing today. All that they ever think about, is me, myself, and I. They never think of possibly helping a hurting neighbor. Most of them never even take notice of their neighbor, much less turning a hand to help them. So many of us are so busy with personal matters, that we would never know it if our neighbor was to die.

They never take a minute to think the thoughts, "Where did I come from?" Or, "What is my purpose for being on this earth?" They never take a moment to realize, that it is only by God's grace, that they are on this earth. It is only by his marvelous grace that I am alive today." The best time which I have found in my own personal life, to spend time with God in prayer, is before I ever get out of my bed in the morning. First of all, I try to always remember to thank God for watching over me, and keeping his holy angels all around me, to protect me safely throughout the night. And next, to thank Him for the new day which He has given me; and to please help me to accomplish all that I must accomplish throughout the day; and to please help me with any struggles that I may have to go through during the day. I try to always remember to ask Him to help me to keep on my full suit of spiritual armor which He has provided for every one of his children. We are told of this suit of spiritual armor in Eph. 6:10-18: "Finally my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of

salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.” You can rest assured, if you are a child of God, that Satan will be trying his best, to bring struggles against you in every way that he possibly can. And if you don’t continually wear your full suit of spiritual armor, Satan and his demonic forces will certainly bring you to defeat. And I just try to always remember to thank God for the salvation which He has given unto me through Jesus Christ his Son; and for all the blessings which are benefits of this great salvation; including eternal life in Heaven, for his blessed Holy Spirit; who gives me faith, joy, peace, love, wisdom, courage, and understanding; in every situation which I may ever have to face. His blessed Holy Spirit was given to the very first children of God, and He is also given to every child of God when they accept Jesus Christ as their personal Savior today. Acts 2:1-4 tells us: “And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.” It is such a wonderful feeling, just to that God is always with us. And this ancestral teaching that one must be on their knees in order to talk to God, is very misleading. For we can talk to God anytime of the day or night; regardless of what we are doing, or where we may be. I usually talk with God regardless of what I may be doing; whether I am mowing the yard, riding my bicycle, just sitting on the front steps, or going down the road in my car. God is always there, regardless of where I may be, or whatever I may be doing. God always loves it when we talk with Him, and it also thrills my heart when He talks with me. His Word is one of the greatest and most common ways in which God talks with us. He always knows what we need to hear. He always knows when we have questions on our minds; or when we are disturbed about a particular matter. He always knows the answers to everything, and exactly what it takes to give us clear understanding about any particular matter. God is always there when we are attempting to perform a particular task; when we need Godly wisdom in the matter. Many times it is during times like these, that we realize how little we know, and how helpless that we would be without the helping hand of God. I have had to pray to Him many times, to show me how to correct the mistakes which I have already made. Without his help, how very little we would be able to do. It is such a wonderful thing just to take the

time to sing praises unto God; whether it be as we go through the day, or when we wake up during the late hours of the night. It is a very humble thing to take the time to get down on our knees and talk to God; but many times we are not in a place or facing circumstances where we can get down on our knees. I always thank God for giving me all power and authority over Satan, and over all his demonic forces, through the name of Jesus Christ; as we are told in Luke 10:18-19: “And He said unto them, ***I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.***” As long as we allow God to have first place in our life, Satan will have no success whatsoever at his attempts to harm us. God also told us through the prophet Isaiah, in Isa. 54:17: “No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is of me, saith the Lord.” I also thank Him for the great physical healing which He has provided for every child of God, through the stripes which Jesus bore on his body. Isa. 53:5 tells us: “But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with his stripes we are healed.” And we also read in Matt. 8:16-17: “When the even was come, they brought unto Him many that were possessed with devils: and He cast out the spirits with his Word, and healed all that were sick: That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.” And Peter also reminded us of this very important benefit of our salvation, in 1 Peter 2:24: “Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.” I also try to always remember to continually be thankful unto God for providing every one of my individual needs, as we are told in Phil. 4:19: “But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.” I pray that you will always make time to spend with God; not just to give Him your daily requests, but to thank Him and to praise Him for all that He has already done for you.

I promise you that it will certainly cause your life to become much more blessed; and you will find that every circumstance that you have to face in this life, will get much easier to face, and you will begin to find much more success in every area of your life. I have found out that it truly pays to take the time to spend with God each morning when you wake up, and every night before you go to sleep. You will begin to feel his holy presence with you every

where that you go, in every thing that you attempt to do. Whether we realize it or not, if we give our life unto Him, He will always be right by our side; always there when we need Him. He told us in Heb. 13:5: "Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for He hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." Just as He told the people of Israel, in Deut. 31:6 & 8: "Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the Lord thy God, He it is that doth go with thee; He will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. And the Lord, He it is that doth go before thee; He will be with thee, He will not fail thee, neither forsake thee: fear not, neither be dismayed." I pray that you will always make time for the Lord God. For He certainly made time for every one of us, when He came to the earth to shed his precious blood; so that we could every one be saved from sin. I remember when I was just a boy, growing up in the country, in Corryton, Tennessee, I lived down in a valley, right between two high ridges. And me and some of my friends would go up into the ridge behind my house, sometimes spending most of the day, just running and playing among the trees on the side of the ridge. What a great time we had! Even though that was quite a number of years ago, I can still remember how blessed it felt to just sit down on the ground, and listen to the wind blowing through the trees. It seemed as though God was just sitting right there beside me; especially later in the afternoon; when the sun began to set. What a wonderful feeling! You could feel God's presence so strongly. It was just as though I had met with God in person. It was just as though I could talk with God, and almost hear his voice speaking back to me. How I miss those times. It is so wonderful to just get alone with God; and to be able to feel his Holy Spirit upon you. What tremendous blessings we miss so many times, just because we will not take the time to just sit down and put every thought from our mind, relax, and just let God have our complete attention.

But so often when we get grown up, we have our mind and our heart on everything and everyone except Jesus. If we would only give our Heavenly Father half as much time and attention as we give to everyone else, and to the many daily affairs of our life, what a different kind of life we would be living. Now that I have grown up, and now live in the city, I think so often of my childhood days; when I was able to go up into the woods, and just be able to be away from everything; away from all the noise, and just be alone with God. Now I am fifty-five years old, and times have changed things so much. But one thing which I love to do, is to get out my bicycle, and just go cycling down the main street in front of the subdivision where I live. When I go down about a mile or so from where I live, the street runs into an old gravel road.

The first time that I ever rode down to the end of the street, I could hardly believe my eyes. For I had no idea where the street went.

I expected that it just ran into another street. But no, it was completely different than I ever expected. It ran into the old gravel road; and I went on down the old gravel road, and it went right on through what looked like just a patch of woods. But it was so different. It went on for quite a ways. Nothing but just trees and beautiful landscape all around. I rode for quite a ways before I ever came to a house.

There was only one, very far back into the woods. I felt almost like I had moved back to the country again. It was so peaceful and quiet. No loud sirens, no cars flying by, not a sound could be heard; except maybe the birds singing from the trees. Ever since I found that lovely place, I just love to ride back down there, and enjoy the quietness, and just spend time alone with God. If we will just take the time out for God, He will most certainly take time for us.

2. When Jesus was upon the earth, I have no doubt whatsoever, that He always made certain that He took the time to start out each day in prayer with the Heavenly Father. We read in 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." Jesus spent much of his time in prayer with the Heavenly Father. Not only in the mornings, but also in the evenings. Matt. 14:23 also tells us: "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." Mark 6:46 also tells us: "And when He had sent them away, He departed into a mountain to pray." And in Luke 6:12 we also read: "And it came to pass in those days, that He went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God." Jesus always took time to spend with his Heavenly Father. As we mentioned earlier, we must make certain that we *make* the time to spend with God. If we do not do so, Satan will make certain that he always gives us things to do; so that we cannot ever have the time to spend with God. As we can see from the scriptures concerning Jesus' time which He spent with the Heavenly Father, He always had to separate Himself from the crowds of people who continually followed after Him, in order to ever have any time alone with his Heavenly Father. He either had to go into the mountains, or to some other place, where He could be alone. Or else He had to go out at nighttime, when all the other people were asleep. He was continually being enthroned by the crowds of people, because of the miracles which He was continually performing among them; and because He was continually casting out devils from among the people. We read in Matt. 4:25:

“And there followed Him great multitudes of people from Galilee, and from Decapolis, and from Jerusalem, and from Judea, and from beyond Jordan.” And Mark 3:7 also tells us: “But Jesus withdrew Himself with his disciples to the sea: and a great multitude from Galilee followed Him, and from Judea.” But in spite of the fact that Jesus was continually facing crowds of people, He some way or other, always found time to spend with his Heavenly Father. And we must also do the same. The disciples of Jesus were always taking the time to spend with Him. They gave up everything that they had, in order to be able to follow Jesus. They hesitated not a bit, when He told them to leave everything else behind, and to follow Him. Why then do we find it so hard a thing to do, to find time to spend with God? The most blessed thing that we could ever do, is to spend time with God in prayer, and in the meditation of his Holy Word. The disciples of Jesus were always asking Him to teach them more, in order to be better servants of God. We read in Matt. 5:1-12: “And seeing the multitudes, He went up into a mountain: and when He was set, his disciples came unto Him: And He opened his mouth, and taught them, saying, ***Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.***

***Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in Heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.***” Jesus was continually teaching his disciples how to live as they walked through this life. His goal was to teach them to be victorious each day of their life, and to bring glory and honor unto the Heavenly Father. This is also his desire for every one of his children today. But in order for this to be accomplished, we must learn to take the time to spend alone with Him. And this does not mean just taking five minutes each day, to let Him know what we desire for Him to do for us, or to give us. But just sitting down quietly, and listening for the sound of his voice, or singing praises unto Him, and just thanking Him for all of the many blessings which He has already given unto us. Some of the most blessed moments of my life,

have been when I have taken the time to spend alone with God Almighty. Many of the precious things which God has revealed unto me, could not of been done, if I had not of taken the time to just recognize Him, and talk to Him, and give Him praise and honor, and just sit quietly and give Him a chance to talk to me. We must realize that God wants to talk to us, just as much as we desire to talk to Him.

3. How many of us ever take one moment out of a day, to just look up and thank God for his goodness; for his blessings which He has poured upon us? How many of us ever take the time to thank God, when we sit down at the table to eat a meal? Have you ever given it a thought, that it may be your last meal? How many people still take the time out during the week, to go to the house of God and worship Him? Heb. 10:25 tells us: "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." What day is this scripture speaking of? It is speaking of the return of Jesus Christ to the earth, to take the body of Christ back to Heaven. Our world certainly has changed over the centuries. People are too busy today, to ever have any time left for God. Or else they never have a thought of spending any time before Him. So many people being concerned about less important matters, that they hardly even realize that God exists. They are usually busy working during the week, so they spend their weekends, including Sundays, mowing the yard, or washing the car, or running to the lakes with their motor boats, or to the mountains with their four-wheelers, or to the golf courses, or to do anything else except to go to the house of God and worship Him. We must realize that we are the creations of Almighty God; and that the first and main reason why we were ever put on this earth, was to praise and to glorify God. God wanted someone to have to be company with; to spend time with; so He created man. But how many of us ever take the time to turn our heart toward God; and actually just sit down and talk with Him; or allow Him to talk to us? Do you have time for God? Is your schedule so full, that you never have a chance to allow God to be a friend to you? Most of us most certainly need to make some adjustments in our schedules.

4. Let us go back to a Psalm which David wrote, when he found himself at the shadow of death. In Psalm 116:1-9 we read: "I love the Lord, because He hath heard my voice and my supplications. Because He hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon Him as long as I live. The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of Hell gat hold upon me: I found trouble and sorrow. Then called I upon the name of the Lord; O Lord, I beseech thee, deliver my soul. Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; yea, our God is merciful.

The Lord preserveth the simple: I was brought low, and He helped me. Return unto thy rest, O my soul; for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee. For thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling. I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.” Truly, David realized that it was time to call upon the Lord God; and that it was time to start taking the time to allow God to have first place in his life.

5. One of the greatest servants of God in the New Testament, was the apostle Paul. But was he always a great servant of God? Not at all. In the earlier part of his life, he done everything possible to stop the flow of Christianity; having Christians throne into prison, and having many of them put to death. He done everything that he could do, to try and destroy Christians; anyone who attempted to serve God in any manner. We read in Acts 8:1-4: “And Saul (later called Paul) was consenting unto his death (Stephen). And at that time there was a great persecution against the Church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. And devout men carried Stephen to his burial, and made great lamentation over him. As for Saul, he made havoc of the Church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed them to prison. Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the Word.”

A. Devout men. Greek-eulabees (yul-ab-ease): reverent, or religious.

B. Lamentation-Greek-kopetos (kope-tos): to act with grief, or mental anguish.

C. Havoc-Greek-immainomai (m-main-a-mi): defilement, discord, uproar, shame, ruin, or corruption.

D. Entering into every house, and haling men and women committing them to prison. Greek-suroo (su-roo): to drag out, or to take into custody in an improper or ungodly manner. We can see that Paul, who was first called Saul, most certainly done everything that he could do to try and stop the movement of Christianity, until God brought him to his knees.

6. We read of Saul’s conversion in Acts 9:1-19: “And Saul, yet breathing out threatening and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest. And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem. And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from Heaven:

And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, ***Saul, Saul, Why persecutes thou me?*** And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, ***I am Jesus whom thou persecutes: it is hard for thee to kick***

*against the pricks.* And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, ***Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.*** And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man. And Saul arose from the earth, and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man: but they led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus. And he was three days without sight, and neither did eat nor drink. And there was a certain disciple at Damascus named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, ***Ananias.*** And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord. And the Lord said unto him, ***Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and inquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth. And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight.*** Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem: And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name. But the Lord said unto him, ***Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel: For I will show him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.*** And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou comest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost. And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized. And when he had received meat, he was strengthened. Then was Saul certain days with the disciples which were at Damascus.” Most certainly, before Saul, who was later called Paul, was brought to his knees by the hand of God, the main goal of his mind and of his heart was to destroy Christians; no matter how far he had to go to do so. But once Paul became a Christian himself, he spent most of his time working for God the Heavenly Father. He made certain that he always took the time to spend with God, and to do whatever the Heavenly Father told him to do. Even though Paul was not fortunate enough to have the written Word of God available as we have it today, I'm certain that he always looked to God for the direction which he needed to fulfill the calling which God had placed upon his life. We read further in Acts 9: 20-22: “And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that He is the Son of God. But all that heard him were amazed, and said; Is not this he that destroyed them which called on this name in Jerusalem, and came hither for that intent, that he

might bring them bound unto the chief priests? But Saul increased the more in strength, and confounded the Jews which dwelt at Damascus, proving that this is very Christ.”

**A.** When Saul first started out on his trip to Damascus, he had gained authority from the main governmental officials, to catch and bring bound back to Jerusalem, anyone; whether it be men or women; who was claiming to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and was teaching or preaching any such belief.

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**B.** And as Saul came near to Damascus, the Lord Jesus evidently sent out a light to shine upon him, which completely surrounded him, and evidently put much fear into his heart. I'm sure that he was probably riding upon a horse. And he either fell from the horse, or quickly jumped off, and fell upon his knees; because of the fear which he felt. This great light had to of been a very dramatic sight for Saul, to bring him to his knees. Anytime that Jesus Christ appears unto us in any fashion, it will certainly be a dramatic sight. Evidently, Saul did not actually have any physical sight of Jesus, but only heard his voice. For we are told in verse 7, that the men which were with Saul, stood speechless; because they heard a voice, and seen no man. I believe that Jesus would have allowed the men with Saul to of seen him physically, as well as to hear his voice, if He had chosen to do the same with Saul. But evidently, the men with Saul, did not understand the words of Jesus, as Saul himself did. For we read in Acts 22:9: “And they that were with me saw indeed the light, and were afraid; but they heard not the voice of Him that spoke to me.” Jesus has revealed Himself unto me personally on more than one occasion; and on one such occasion He appeared unto me in a visual way. And it was certainly a time which I will never forget. And He has also appeared unto me in an audible manner. And once He appeared to me in an audible manner, when I could actually feel his power carrying me around the room, as well as hear his voice. And I can assure you that every one of these occasions most certainly got my attention; just as Jesus got Saul's attention as he was on the road to Damascus. Saul was a very knowledgeable man, who was a Jew, who thought that he had no need to fear anyone at all; not even God. As a matter of fact, he thought that he was doing God a service by destroying as many Christians as he possibly could. He was a complete enemy to Christianity. He was as righteous as anyone could be, but under the Jewish Law; not in the eyes of God Almighty. We must always say that God is most certainly a God of mercy; for He certainly showed mercy upon Saul; considering all that he had done in an attempt to destroy God's

kingdom upon this earth. But after Saul was converted, and became a child of God, he continuously spent time with God; always seeking his divine leadership. He wrote probably two-thirds of the New Testament. And I can assure you that he could never of fulfilled such a task, if he had not of spent much time on his knees before God. And the world has gotten into such a mess today, that hardly anyone ever gives a thought to the fact that God is watching everything that is going on. We just act as though God does not exist any longer. How much better off our lives would be, if we would just realize the need to take the time, to just sit down before God, and be thankful that we are even alive. There are so many tragedies taking place every day. And our newspapers are full of stories involving peoples lives being taken by murder, people being killed in accidents of all kinds, and every sort of disaster that can be mentioned. And yet we never seem to ever think of the fact that it could have been us. God loves us and watches over us every day. But how often do we stop and give Him a word of thanks? Sadly to say, rarely ever. Let us begin to be thankful unto God for his lovingkindness and for his mercy and grace. We must begin to take the time to let God into our daily schedules. After all, doesn't He deserve it?

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### **Conclusion:**

Do you have the time in your daily schedule to allow God to be a part of your life? The greatest blessing of your life would be to make the time for God each day. Let us always remember, that if we do not purposely make the time for God, the devil will always make certain that we do not have the time to spend with Him. It must be a time set apart for the purpose of talking with Him, and allowing Him to talk to us. And we must realize that many times God's way of speaking to us, is directly through his Word; as we just sit down and take the time to quietly read the Bible. Many times it is just a time when we just sit still and recognize his divine presence in the midst of the quietness. Do not pass up this blessed benefit which God has given unto you. You will never be sorry for any time which you spend with God.

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