

Spending Time With God

Psalm 37:4 Delight yourself in the Lord

Psalm 46:10 Be still and know that I am God.

Psalm 84:1-4 A day in your courts is better than a thousand.

Psalm 42:1-2 As the deer pants for the water brooks so my soul pants after you O God.

Daniel 11:32 The people that know their God will be strong and do valiently.

Luke 5:16. But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.

Psalm 63:1-2 O God, thou art my God; early will I seek you: My soul thirsts for you, my flesh longs for you in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is. To see you power and your glory, so as I have seen you in the sanctuary.

Intro

(ie) Falling in love can mess up your life. Story of my romance with Marilyn.
(I'll never be the same again!)

If you no longer have time to spend with the one you love, you probably are not in love as you once were. If you don't like and long to spend time with your love, she/he is probably not your first love.

1. *How is your love relationship with God?*

Jeremiah 2:13 and 32

13 For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.

32 Can a maid forget her ornaments, *or* a bride her attire? yet my people have forgotten me days without number.

Luke 10:27 And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.

Revelation 2:4 Nevertheless I have *somewhat* against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.

2. *God is concerned about our love relationship with Him.*

Often we are strangers, occasional visitors to his house, but we are not intimate friends.

3. *Our culture wages war against God-lovers.*

The world is not a friend of grace. The world loves something else. "*If a man love the world the love of the Father is not in him.*"

How to Spend Time Alone With God

PLAN FOR IT

Plan God into your schedule. A date with the Almighty!

Plan to be alone with God. Alone is important. Solitude in the desert.

Plan to be silent before God. Be still and know God, hear God, experience God.

I. Plan a Rendezvous With God

- 1. In the morning - (6 am)*
- 2. At the noon hour - (12-1 pm)*
- 3. In the evening - (8-11 pm)*
- 4. A Day Away – Sun night-Mon / Saturday*

II. Six Step Plan

for a Day Alone With God

I use this plan for 15 years. It is good. It helps. An hour on each.

1. Be Still
2. Be Worshipful
3. Be Thankful
4. Confess Your Sins
5. Clothe Yourself
6. Cast Your Every Care

III. Get Alone With God.

- Write in journal
- Do a Bible study
- Go for a walk w/God
- Listen to worship CDs
- Sing songs to God
- Tap a holy nap
- Listen to Scriptures
- Meditate of creation
- Memorize verses