Devotional Journaling

Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter; – Revelation 1:19

We are not told anywhere in Scripture that Jesus ever wrote anything down, except for that brief incident in which he stooped down and scribbled on the ground while the Pharisees who had caught and adulteress in the act were ready to stone her.

Men have been journaling ever since the first caveman drew on a wall. There is something in man that cries out to be heard. We need to express ourselves, be heard, to tell the thing from our own perspective. From time to time the children in our children's ministries will give me little notes to express their appreciation. Those notes are precious to me and must be to God as well. I often save them.

How To Start

Getting started is always the hardest part of any new discipline. If you are not naturally one who writes then it will be even harder.

It is not necessary to buy a journal that is made of genuine bonded leather. Just a lined spiral notebook will do. Begin by putting a title on the cover so you know what is in that journal. I like the half-sheet notebook better than the 8 ½ by 11. It's less threatening to write a half a page.

?? Each page should begin with a day, and date. Don't date each page ahead since you might get gabby and run over onto several pages.
?? Mine is a *Devotional Journal* so I put the Bible reading at the top.
?? Start with what God said, "Jesus, said…" Then what that means to you.
?? Close with a written prayer. Be honest to God.
?? Write a brief sentence. State a fact that sums up where you are, "Lord, I'm tired."

Try it:

Start this month. For the next 30 days keep a daily diary, journal, or commentary. See if it isn't rewarding.

Keep a Journal of you Bible Reading and Study

Date: _____

Scripture Read

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Verse To Remember or Memorize

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What I Learned or Discovered

Write Your Daily Prayer to God

Dear Lord,

Lord, please do these miracles: