



# **Time With God**

## **A Daily Devotional Guide**

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# Introduction

One of the basic spiritual principles in life is: If you don't grow, you decay. Spiritual maturity is not an option, but an essential for the Christian life. Yet, it is not attained automatically, and this is where the difficulties arise for many Christians.

It is not easy for many today to devote themselves to the long-term works of God in their lives. The kind of society in which we live opposes our maturity.

One of the essentials of spiritual growth is sharing intimacy with God through prayer, meditation, and Bible study. The purpose of this devotional guide, *Time With God*, is to enhance your quiet time with God, thus deepening your relationship with Him and producing spiritual growth.

I trust that *Time With God* will be a blessing to you in your journey with Christ.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda Isadore McDaniel".

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# How to Use This Devotional Guide

*Time With God* is a tool. No tool is of any value if it is not used. Therefore, we hope that this tool may be put to good use in your life.

Moreover, the effectiveness of a tool depends on the familiarity the user has with it. Skill with any tool comes through experience. The more you use *Time With God* the more skillful you will become.

*Time With God* offers you a form or a pattern. Almost everything we do that is successful follows certain patterns. It could be that the reason many Christians never develop a meaningful devotional life is that they have failed discovering a meaningful devotional pattern.

The *Time With God* devotional pattern consists of four elements:

1. Prayer
2. Bible Study
3. Meditation
4. Recording

The next information will help to familiarize you with this plan.

# Time Allotment

The amount of time you allocate to your devotions depends on you. It would be best to set aside a minimum time each day (perhaps 20 to 30 minutes) at an established time. Discipline yourself to keep it. On some days, the Spirit of the Lord may lead you into longer times in His presence.

## I. Prayer Time

The acrostic for the word A-C-T-S will become the basic prayer pattern for your devotional time.

### Adoration

Your prayer time should begin with adoration of God for His excellent greatness. Adoration is a time to praise and worship God for who He is. You will want to focus on one of the aspects of God's attributes, character, or nature. A list of these is provided in the devotional guide. The worthiness of God to receive praise, glory, and honor is the focal point of adoration. At times, singing is appropriate during adoration.

# **Confession**

Confession must be a continual part of your devotional life. There must be the confession of known sins, sins of omission and unforgiveness. Ask the Holy Spirit to perform His ministry of conviction by bringing any sins that you may have committed in the last twenty-four hours to your conscious mind. It is important to deal regularly with your personal sin and to keep short-term accounts with God.

A continual cleansing is needed in some areas to wash out the effects of sins committed by you or against you. You need to submit to God basic assumptions about yourself, your relationship, your mind and your emotions. Pray for your personality structure daily by appropriating God's grace and inner healing.

Restitution may be required for some acts of sin. There may be someone's forgiveness you need to seek, or you may need to make right any wrongs you have committed. A place is provided in your devotional guide to write out your commitment to restitution if it is needed.

# **Thanksgiving**

Thanksgiving is the offering of true gratitude to God for His blessings. Let a spirit of gratitude fill your heart. Begin your thanksgiving to God for the forgiveness and cleansing of your confessed sins, and then focus your attention on particular blessings from God. It is also good to periodically give thanks to God for your redemptive history. A redemptive history is what God's grace has been producing in your life (i.e., what God is doing in me, from where God has brought me, what God is teaching me).

# **Supplication**

Supplication is a time to express your petitions to God. This involves both intercession and personal requests. Intercession is your prayers to God on behalf of the needs of others. Personal requests are your petitions concerning needs in your life. It is important to present to God those things you will be facing in the next twenty-four hours.

A prayer list is provided to assist you in praying specifically.

# NOTES

## II. Scripture Reading

Where prayer and praise is your talking to God, in the Scriptures God talks to you. In your devotional time, you will want to read a large enough portion of scripture to grasp a principle that may be applied to your life, yet not too large to be absorbed. New Christians should begin with smaller portions, perhaps no more than one chapter a day.



It is helpful to select a version of the Scriptures with which you are comfortable and which you understand. It is also important to read the Bible in a systematic and sequential manner. By reading through a particular book in the Bible, you are able to observe the context of each verse and grasp a fuller meaning of the text. A chart is provided for you so that you may gauge your progress in Scripture reading.

If you are a new Christian, the following sequence is suggested to you: (1) Gospel of John, (2) Acts of the Apostles, (3) 1, 2, 3 John, (4) Psalms, (5) Romans, (6) Proverbs, and (7) James. After this, read the other books in the Bible as you so desire.

In order to gain the most from your Bible reading, you may want to ask some of the following questions about your selected passage:

Is there a promise for me to claim?

Is there a warning for me to heed?

Is there a commandment for me to obey?

Is there a principle for me to apply?

Is there a lesson for me to learn?

Space is provided in your devotional guide for any notes you would like to record concerning your Bible reading.

## **III. Meditation**

David said that the blessed man is one who regularly meditates on God's law (Psalm 1:2; 119:97, 99). God commanded Joshua that the children of Israel should meditate upon His Word in order to be successful in life (Joshua 1:9).

Meditation is simply a quiet focusing of your attention on one concept or thought. The Holy Spirit may lead you to focus your thoughts quietly on a truth from your Bible reading or something that arose from your prayer time. It is helpful to write down this thought in one or two sentences so that you can keep it in mind all day. A space is provided in your devotional guide for this.

It may be that during your moments of quiet meditation God speaks to your own heart. Wait on Him and listen for His still, small voice.

## **IV. Recording**

On the back side of your devotional guide is a section for recording. It is important to record significant events from your devotional experience.

Direction and guidance that you may have received from God, information from your Bible reading, a prayer or praise that you would like to write out, an experience that you had, your thoughts or feelings at that moment, etc., are things you will want to record.

# Daily Devotional Guide\*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Time Allotment: \_\_\_\_\_

## PRAYER TIME

1. ADORATION: Today I focus my praise on the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
2. CONFESSION: I seek God's forgiveness and cleansing from sin. I appropriate God's continual grace and healing for my personality and emotions.

Restitution required: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. THANKSGIVING: I express my heartfelt gratitude to my Heavenly Father for His blessings.
4. SUPPLICATION: I intercede for the needs of others (Prayer List).

I make my personal requests known to God ( Prayer List).

**SCRIPTURE READING:** \_\_\_\_\_

NOTES: \_\_\_\_\_

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# DAILY BIBLE READING

“Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.”  
(Psalm 119:105)

Circle the chapter as you read it.

## OLD TESTAMENT

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# THE ATTRIBUTES, NATURE, and NAMES OF GOD

1. Holiness: God's moral excellence and perfection.
2. Righteousness: The complete moral excellence and perfect justice of all that God does.
3. Immutability: The unchangeableness of God; He is forever the same.
4. Eternity: God transcends time and possesses the whole of His life all at once.
5. Omnipotence: God is almighty and possesses total and complete power.
6. Omniscience: God is all-knowing.
7. Omnipresence: God is everywhere present at the same time.
8. Wisdom: God always chooses and wills the best means to attain the ends He has in view.
9. Goodness: God is bountiful and kind to all His creatures.
10. Love: The unconditional attitude and affection that God manifests toward His creatures.
11. Grace: The unmerited favor of God to those who have forfeited it.
12. Mercy: The loving withholding of punishment and retribution from those in Christ.
13. Longsuffering: The patience of God with His creatures.

14. Faithfulness: The total trustworthiness of God.
15. Independence: The self-existence of God. He exists because He is God and does not depend on anything outside of Himself.
16. Infinity: God is totally above measure.
17. Truth: God is the source of all truth.
18. Revelation: God has lovingly revealed Himself to man through His creation, man's conscience, His Word and His Son.
19. Sovereignty: God rules totally in all the affairs of His creation.
20. Solidarity: There is only one God.
21. Trinity: The one God has revealed Himself to us in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
22. Spirituality: God is immaterial and invisible.
23. Personality: God is a person, not simply a force, power, or influence.
24. Majesty: The unique excellence of the manifest glory and supremacy of God.

### **THE NAMES OF GOD**

25. Elohim: God's official title. He is God!
26. Jehovah: God's covenant name with Israel, pronounced Yaweh in Hebrew. It is formed from the Hebrew verb meaning "I AM."
27. Adonai: Lord and Owner of all.
28. El Shaddai: The Almighty God; literally, "The God who is more than enough."

29. Jehovah-Jireh: The Lord, the Provider (Genesis 22:14).
30. Jehovah-Rapha: The Lord, the Healer (Exodus 15:26).
31. Jehovah-Nissi: The Lord, the Banner of Victory (Exodus 17:15).
32. Jehovah-M'Kaddesh: The Lord, the Sanctifier (Leviticus 20:7, 8).
33. Jehovah-Shalom: The Lord, my Peace (Judges 6:24).
34. Jehovah-Tsidkenu: The Lord, my Righteousness (Jeremiah 23:6).
35. Jehovah-Shammah: The Lord who is there (Exodus 48:35).
36. Jehovah-Rohi: The Lord, my Shepherd (Psalms 23:1).
37. Jehovah-Sabaoth: The Lord of Hosts (I Samuel 1:3).
38. Lord: God is the Master of everything.\
39. King: God's sovereign rule in His kingdom and His total creation
40. Messiah/Christ: The Anointed One.
41. Savior: The One who brings salvation.
42. Emmanuel: God with us.
43. The Word: Jesus as the Divine Communication of God to man.
44. Mediator: Jesus as our High Priest, interceding with the Father.



45. Lamb of God: Jesus as the approved sacrifice for our sins.
46. The Rock: God is our stability and protection.
47. Alpha: The first letter of the Greek alphabet. It signifies God as the beginning of all things.
48. Omega: The last letter of the Greek alphabet. It signifies God as the end of all things.
49. The Living One: The God who is alive and the Source of all life.
50. Abba Father: God is my “Papa God” through Christ. He is an intimate God.
51. The Light of the World: Jesus as the illuminator of God and His Truth.
52. Bread of Life: Jesus as the Satisfier of man’s soul







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