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A New You in 2022

2 Corinthians 5:16-18
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"An unexamined life is not worth living." —Socrates

[16]So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being **renewed** day by day. [17]For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, [18]as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal. —2 Corinthians 4:16-18

Quiet Time: A daily time set aside to be alone with God and pursue a deeper relationship with Him through Bible reading, prayer and reflection.

1. Why is a Daily _____ Important?

Worthy are You, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for You created all things, and by Your will they existed and were created. —Revelation 4:11

And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. —Mark 12:30

"Worldly men think very little of God. They live at a distance from Him; they have no fellowship with Him; like the fool, they have said in their heart, "No God," and they try to experience in their lives their heart's desire. It is very different with the true believer. He recognizes God everywhere; he sees God in all the good or bad that checkers life; he believes that God has created every worm that crawls on the face of the earth, and that He has painted every flower that blooms. The whole world is full of God to him who believes in God, and he has fellowship with God wherever he goes. He cannot live without it; it is his joy and delight. He is a child of God; so, how can he live happily in his Father's house unless he often sees his Father's face, and speaks with Him, and hears His voice in return? The Christian makes much of God, and God makes much of him, for they have a mutual delight in each other."
—Charles H. Spurgeon

And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, He departed and went out to a desolate place, and there He prayed. —Mark 1:35

Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. —Matthew 4:4

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[14]Since then we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. [15]For we do not have a High Priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. [16]Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. —Hebrews 4:14-16

2. What is the _____ of a Daily Quiet Time?

• Give _____ to God

[23]But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship Him. [24]God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.
—John 4:23-24

• Get _____ from God

[4]Make me to know Your ways, O LORD; teach me Your paths. [5]Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; for You I wait all the day long. —Psalm 25:4-5

• Gain _____ in God

Delight yourself in the LORD, and He will give you the desires of your heart. —Psalm 37:4

"If God doesn't want something for me, I shouldn't want it either. Spending time in meditative prayer, getting to know God, helps align my desires with God's." —Phillips Brooks

• Grow _____ like God

[3]His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us to His own glory and excellence, [4]by which He has granted to us His precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire… [18]But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen. —2 Peter 1:3-4; 3:18

3. How Can I Start/Strengthen the _____ of a Quiet Time?

[21]But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: [22]The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; [23]they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness. [24]"The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in Him." [25]The LORD is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul who seeks Him. —Lam. 3:21-25

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