

Created for Worship

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Part 8: "Private Worship"

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Our private worship often consists of daily devotionals or "quiet times." There is good Biblical precedence for this in both the Old and New Testaments:

- The Old: Joshua 1:8; Daniel 6:10; Psalm 63:5-8
- The New: Acts 10:1-2, 9; Mark 1:35

Private time with the Lord is a habit that must mark our lives as well (Mt 6:5-6)

"There is greater rest and solace to be found in the presence of God for one hour than an eternity in the presence of men." – Robert Murray M'Cheyne

What are the benefits of getting away with the Lord in secret worship?

- We become more like Him, over time
- We trust that our prayers will have an effect in eternity

What does it look like to spend time daily with the Lord?

- Attending to the means of grace: His Word
 - It's best to have a plan. What are some of the plans that you have found helpful?
 - We all need nourishment, so we must keep feeding our soul
- Attending to the means of grace: Our prayers
 - We can be so busy with Kingdom stuff that we are not busy with our King (Lk 10:40-42)
 - Grow in prayer by praying through the scriptures, like Psalm 121

What do you do when you don't feel like spending time in the Word and prayer?

- Be honest with the Lord. He already knows anyway. Ask for His help
- Be persistent. Wrestle with God through the Word until your emotions are stirred in some way. Memorize. Meditate. Imitate.