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Study I: The Quiet Time

God wants us to have time with Him. He invites us into His presence. He speaks to us through His Word and we respond to Him in prayer. We must commit ourselves daily to this vital meeting with the Almighty God.

C. T. Studd, English, a missionary statesman at the turn of the turn of the century, got up at 4:30 in the morning to meet with the Lord. Of the importance of that time he said, "If you don't desire to meet the Devil during the day, meet Jesus before dawn."

A. The Need for Quiet Time

1. We require spiritual food daily.

- a. What does man need in order to live, according to Matthew 4:4?
 Man need every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.....

- b. How did Job esteem the Word of God? (Job 23:12)
 Job treasured the words of God more than my necessary food

2. We follow the examples that are set by Christ and godly men in the Bible.

- a. What did Jesus do in Matthew 14:23 and Luke 6:12 ?.....
 He went up on a mountain by Himself to pray
 He continued all night in prayer to God
- b. What did David do in Psalm 5:3 ?.....
 David pray every morning to God.....

- c. What did Daniel do in Daniel 6:10 ?.....
 Daniel went to his room and knelt down on his knees 3 times a day and pray and gave thanks before
 God

B. The Purpose of Quiet Time

- 1. What are we called unto, according to 1 Corinthians 1:9 ?
 We are called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord

- 2. How can we have good success, according to Joshua 1:8 ?
 By meditating on the word of God. Day & night, that we may observe to do according to all that is written in it.

- 3. What benefit can we gain from studying God's Word, according to Psalm 119:11 ?

Your word I have hidden in my heart so that I might not sin against You.

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4. What are we told to do in 1 Peter 5:7 ?

We are told to cast all our cares upon Him, for He cares for you.....

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5. What can we obtain at God's throne of grace? (Hebrews 4:16)

That we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.....

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C. Material for Quiet Time

1. Bible

2. Devotional Guidebook. (E.g. "Our Daily Walk" or "Our Daily Homily" by F.B. Meyer) This guidebook is specially written to help you in your Quiet Time and is recommended for your use.

3. Devotional Notebook: to record what you have learnt from the Lord.

4. A list of prayer requests that you want to pray for, e.g. members of your family, friends, personal decisions and problems, your church or fellowship group, our nation, needs of missions and missionaries.

D. The Procedure for Quiet Time

1. Find a suitable place and time.

2. Begin with prayer: Adoration (worship God) and Confession of known sins.

3. Read the passage of scripture given in the Devotional Guidebook and meditate on it.

4. The following questions can be asked as you meditate on the passage:

- a. Does the passage/verse teach about any sin(s) I should forsake?
- b. Are there examples for me to follow?
- c. Are there promises for me to trust in?
- d. Are there warnings for me to heed?
- e. What does it teach me about God the Father, God the Son or God the Holy Spirit?
- f. Are there commands for me to obey?
- g. What should I do about the above teachings?

5. Read the comments in the Devotional Guidebook.

6. End with prayer: Thanksgiving to God for what you have learnt; Supplication: Pray through the items you have written in your list of prayer requests.

7. Keep a Devotional Notebook to record what you have learned. Here is a sample format for your Devotional Notebook:

Date: Passage of Scripture:

1. Sins to forsake:

2. Examples:

3. Promises:

4. Warnings:

5. Commands:.....

6. Teachings about Father, Son, Holy Spirit:

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 7. Application:

The Quiet Time is the secret of a Christian's daily life. Observations show that Christians who fail to keep their quiet time soon grow cold and backslide. The Christian who perseveres in his Quiet Time grows steadily day by day with the Lord.

Summary: The Quiet Time

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| <p>The Need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spiritual Food that you need for daily living. • Examples of Jesus, David and Daniel. |  | <p>The Procedure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proper Place and Time • Prayer: Adoration, Confession • Read Scripture Passage • Meditate on passage • Read Devotional comments • Prayer: Thanksgiving, Supplication |
| <p>The Purpose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fellowship with Jesus • Meditating on God's Word • Hiding God's Word in your heart. • Casting your cares upon God • Find God's Help in time of need. | | <p>The Materials:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bible • Devotional Guidebook • Devotional Notebook • Prayer Request List |

Study II: Witnessing

A. The Meaning of Witnessing

Witnessing is the act of proclaiming the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit.

*“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: **and ye shall be witnesses unto Me** both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)*

The following passages are known as “The Great Commission”. Read them and list what Christians are commanded to do, by the Lord Jesus Christ.

- 1. Matthew 28:18-20
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- 2. Mark 16:15
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- 3. Luke 24:46-48
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- 4. John 20:21
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B. The Motive for Witnessing

Find the reasons given in the following verses, why Christians should witness.

- 1. John 3:16 (see also 2 Corinthians 5:14,15)
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- 2. John 14:15 (see also 1 John 5:3)
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- 3. Mark 8:38 (see also Romans 1:16).....
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C. The Mode of Witnessing

With what attitudes should Christians witness, according to the following verses?

- 1. 2 Corinthians 5:11
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- 2. Matthew 9:36.....
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- 3. 1 Peter 3:15.....
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- 4. 2 Timothy 4:2
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D. A Method for Witnessing

There are many different ways of witnessing being used today. Below is a very simple method known as the "Roman Road". Look up the following verses in your Bible. Next to each verse, write down the reference of the next verse. Write down the reference to the first verse (Romans 3:10-12) inside the front cover of your Bible. What basic truth of the Gospel do each of the verses teach?

- 1. Romans 3:10-12.....
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- 2. Romans 6:23.....
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- 3. Romans 5:8.....
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- 4. Romans 10:9-13.....
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Summary: Witnessing

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| <p>Motive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God’s Love • Our love and obedience to God. • Not ashamed to tell others about Jesus Christ. | <p>Meaning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proclaiming the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit. • Based on The Great Commission | <p>Mode:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urgently (“knowing the terror of the Lord”) • Compassionately • Readily • Constantly (“In season and out of season”) |
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| <p>Method:</p> <p>The Roman Road</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sin - 3:10-12 • Death - 6:23 • God’s Love - 5:8 • Call on the Lord - 10:9-13 | | |

Study III: The Lordship of Christ

“There can be no doubt what the writers of the New Testament thought of Christ when they called Him Lord. Tracing all the uses of that title will surely bring one to his knees as Thomas, saying, ‘My Lord and my God!’ This title, ‘Lord Jesus Christ’ is the fullest and most complete and dignified of all His titles as representative of His perfect humanity and deity as sovereign Lord.” (Francis H. Derk)

A. Jesus Is Lord!

1. Jesus is Lord because the Bible says:

- a. He is Lord of _____ (Acts 10:36, Romans 10:12)
- b. He is appointed _____ of _____ (Hebrews 1:2)
- c. By Him were _____ (Colossians 1:16)
- d. Jesus is also known as _____ of _____
and _____ of _____ (Revelation 19:16)
- e. He is Lord both of the _____ and _____ (Romans 14:9)

As all power is given to Christ in heaven and in earth, He must be the Lord of all creation and all creatures. This also includes His lordship over our individual lives.

2. Jesus is Lord because God has exalted Him:

Place these statements in their proper order as found in Philippians 2:5-11

- a. He humbled Himself 1.
- b. Every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord 2.
- c. God hath highly exalted Him 3.
- d. Being in the form of God 4.
- e. Every knee should bow 5.
- f. Let this mind be in you 6.
- g. Took upon Him the form of a servant 7.

Is Jesus the Lord of your life? Yes No

B. Hindrances to Christ’s Lordship

1. What problems did the men in the following verses have with the lordship of Christ in their lives?

- a. Luke 9:59,60.....
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- b. Luke 9:61,62.....

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 c. Luke 18:18-24

2. Assess the degree of Christ’s Lordship over your life: for each of the following categories, circle the number that represents the degree to which Christ has control. “0” represents the lowest degree and “10” represents the highest:

- a. Work/Study: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
- b. Money/Possessions: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
- c. Reputation: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
- d. Fashion/Appearance 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
- e. Friends 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
- f. Marriage 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
- g. Games/Leisure 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
- h. Ambitions/Future 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Average Score: (Total of a-h / 8) =.....

C. Christ’s Lordship In Our Conduct

*If Christ is our Lord, our life must shine forth His character.
 If Christ is Lord, He must be lord over all. If not, He is not lord at all.*

1. What are we told to put on in our Christian life? (Ephesians 4:24)

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2. What are we to lay aside and what must it be replace with? (Ephesians 4:25)

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3. How should we deal with anger? (Ephesians 4:26,27)

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4. In what way should we replace old habits, like stealing? (Ephesians 4:28)

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5. How does one learn to have good communication? (Ephesians 4:29)

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6. Give an example of grieving the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 4:30)

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7. How should Christians treat one another? (Ephesians 4:32)....

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The first step to real stability in Christian living is to be convinced that Jesus is indeed Lord of your life.

D. Yielding To The Lordship of Christ

“The aspect of Lordship is a willingness to allow God to lead us into His perfect will for our lives. This involves the major decisions of mission and mate, as well as the everyday decisions we have to face. Is the Christian . . . willing to do and be whatever God wants?” (Gary W. Kuhne)

1. In what aspects of life does the Lord want us to love Him? (Deuteronomy 6:5; Matthew 22:37)

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2. If Christ is your Lord, what should you keep doing? (Luke 6:46; John 14:15,23)

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3. What should a dedicated Christian seek to do continually in the midst of the daily demands of life? (Matthew 6:33).....

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4. If a person wants to follow Christ, what are the two steps he needs to take? (Luke 9:23)

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- b.

5. How does a person dedicate himself to God? (Romans 12:1,2)

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6. Do you want to dedicate yourself to the Lord?

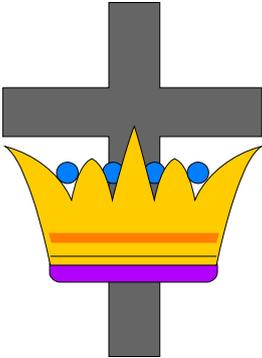
Yes

No

A Prayer of Dedication

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
 Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.
 Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.
 Take my voice and let me sing always only for my King.
 Take my love, my God, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store.
 Take my self and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.

Summary: The Lordship of Christ

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| <p>Hindrances of His lordship:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family obligations • Looking back, following half-heartedly • Riches | <p>Jesus Is Lord!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lord of all, Heir of all • King of kings and Lord of lords • God has highly exalted Him | <p>His lordship in our conduct:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Put on the New Man • Put away lying • Steal no more • No corrupt communication • Grieve not the Holy Spirit • Be kind to one another |
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| <p>Yielding to His lordship:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present your bodies • A living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God • Your reasonable service | | |

Study IV: Baptism

A. The Meaning of Baptism

1. With what aspects of Christ life does baptism identify us? (Romans 6:3,4; Colossians 2:12)

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2. What does baptism accomplish? (Matthew 3:15; 1 Peter 2:21)

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3. Water baptism is an external sign of the spiritual baptism of the Holy Spirit. According to Ephesians 1:13, when did this spiritual baptism or sealing take place? (see also Luke 3:16)

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4. Is water baptism necessary for salvation? (Romans 10:9; Ephesians 2:8,9; Luke 23:39-43)

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5. How is baptism to be carried out, according to the following verses?

a. Matthew 28:19.....

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b. Acts 10:47,48.....

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6. What kind of water baptism is implied by Numbers 8:7, Ezekiel 36:25 and Isaiah 52:15?

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“Dipping of the person into the water is not necessary; but baptism is rightly administered by pouring or sprinkling water upon the person.” (Westminster Confession of Faith, 28:III)

B. Conditions for Baptism

1. **Who may be baptised?**

a. Mark 16:16

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b. Acts 2:38.....

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2. What must a convert know before he is baptised?

- a. Matthew 28:19.....
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- b. Acts 8:26-40
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3. Can children and infants be baptised?

- a. To whom does the promise apply in Acts 2:38,39?
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- b. Whose families were baptised in Acts 16:31-33, Acts 16:14-15 and 1 Corinthians 1:16?
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- c. Were children of believers circumcised according to Genesis 17:12?
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- d. What is the relationship between the Old Testament rite of circumcision and the New Testament rite of baptism, according to Colossians 2:11,12?.....
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In baptism, a Christian publicly professes his faith in Christ. Baptism is a command to be obeyed. If Jesus needed to be baptised in order to fulfill all righteousness, those who follow Christ need to be baptised also. If you have believed in Christ and have not been baptised yet, prayerfully seek baptism in obedience to God’s command.

Summary: Baptism

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| <p>Baptism:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifies us with the death, burial and resurrection of Christ. • External sign of Holy Spirit baptism which already took place at salvation. • To fulfil all righteousness as Christ did. • To be done in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. • Sprinkling with water is biblical. |  | <p>Conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Believe in Christ • Repent of sins • Knowledge of the Gospel of salvation • Infants and children were baptised in the New Testament since they are included in God’s covenant promise and since baptism replaces circumcision. • Baptism is a command to be obeyed. |
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