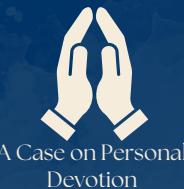


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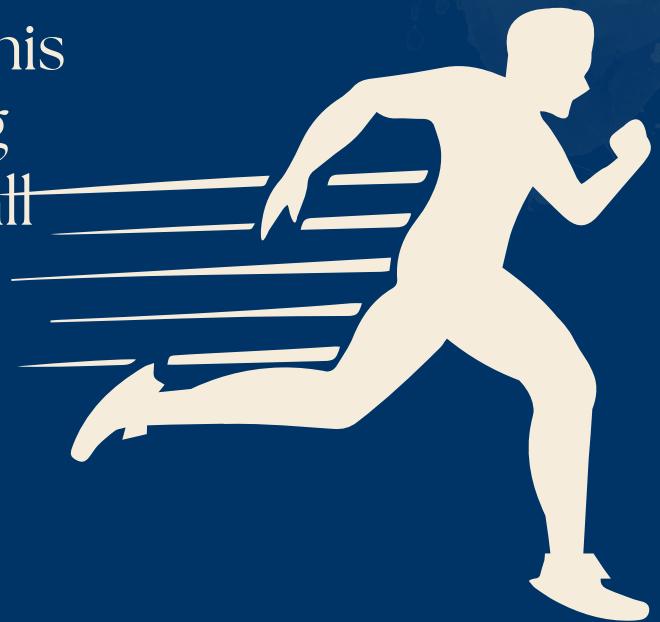


A CASE FOR PERSONAL DEVOTION



FAST PACED

It used to be called quiet time, and in this fast-paced world, many are discarding this sacred ordinance for what they call ‘pray as you go’.





A Case on Personal
Devotion



MORNING DEVOTION?

It doesn't just matter what and how you do it, it also matters **when you do it.”**



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IN MARK 1:35, our Lord Jesus sets a pattern for us to follow

“And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.”



The timing is emphasized here for priority.
That which you can move it's time is not a priority

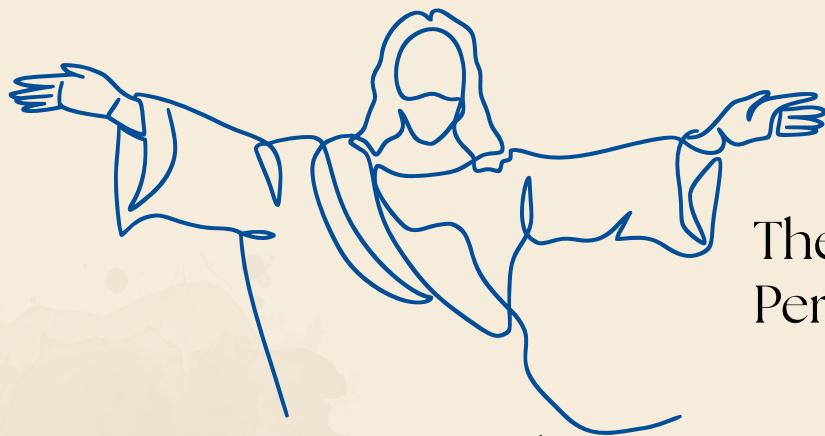


One of the fruits of spiritual growth is the right priorities starting with the exaltation of GOD to His preeminent place in your life.



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It is called 'Morning Devotion for a reason!



The Prerequisite to have a fruitful
Personal Devotion is **A CONSECRATED TIME.**

I strongly recommend early morning because of scriptural examples I will show you in this document beginning with the example of the Lord Jesus which we already saw in Mark 1:35.



Further examples in our Faith that buttress these points.

Verses:

“Then Hezekiah the king rose early, and gathered the rulers of the city, and went up to the house of the LORD.”

2 Chronicles 29:20

“And Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put for his pillows, and set it up for a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it.”

Genesis 28:18

“And Abraham gat up early in the morning to the place where he stood before the LORD:”

Genesis 19:27





Further examples in our Faith that buttress these points.

Verses

“And Moses wrote all the words of the LORD,
and rose up early in the morning, and builded an
altar under the hill, and twelve pillars, according
to the twelve tribes of Israel.”

Exodus 24:4

“And Joshua rose early in the morning,
and the priests took up the ark of the
LORD.”

Joshua 6:12

“But unto thee have I cried, O LORD; And
in the morning shall my prayer prevent
thee.”

Psalm 88:13





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It matters what time you do it

It is the same principle the Lord was commanding us in Matthew 6:33 to seek first, put first, and do it before others.



SOLITARY PLACE

MARK 1:35

Other than the timing, note the phrase ‘solitary place’, there is the one you have to do alone. Let there be no distraction in the place, that is what a solitary place is. That one you are doing while you prepare the children for school is not devotion.

“And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone.” **MATTHEW 14:23**

Sometimes you are the one that has to leave the place where other people are so you attain your ‘ALONE WITH GOD’.





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**“Anything
that takes
your place of
devotion is
now your
GOD.”**

You are the one who has to take action like the Lord Jesus, ‘rising up before day’. To attain this, you have to discipline yourself to sleep early so you can rise early.





A Case on Personal
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Devotion (consistency) is the key to the power of GOD.

Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all." 1

Timothy 4:15 KJV.

Consistent devotion is the secret
of profiting in the Kingdom



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Devotion

IN DEVOTION

- We worship
- We pray
- We study the Word.

Your personal devotion is the fuel of your fellowship with other Believers and the fulcrum of your service in the body of Christ. When submission, instructions, service, and giving are hard for a Believer, it begins with a failure in their personal devotion.



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IN DEVOTION

it is important that you learn that GOD doesn't want you to visit Him periodically, He wants intimacy with you, and with any relationship, the more intimacy is built, the easier information and secrets will be exchanged. The depth of your hearing depends on the quality of your morning devotion.

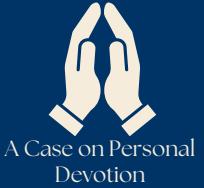


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For intimacy to be built, time and attention must be given to quality and quantity.

When you give GOD your time and attention alone, GOD will reward you specially. GOD rewards intimacy with **HIMSELF! THE MORE OF YOURSELF YOU GIVE, THE MORE OF HIM YOU SEE.**

You are as sure as your daily personal devotion. If you stay consistently in fellowship, direction will not be a big deal. Follow the leading of GOD by constant fellowship and he will lead you to plenty.



As a Believer, you are as strong as your personal devotion, it is not the one-off intense prayers you pray that will win your battles, it is the daily consistent devotion that is your strength. Personal devotion breaks prison doors.



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Personal devotion is the only spiritual discipline that can guarantee the kind of effort growth and seamless supernatural life that our Father wants us to live. In my life, I walk daily just knowing things, places, names, and times and I didn't particularly ask for those things, I grew to know they come from my consistent devotion by the grace of GOD.

As you continue daily in your morning devotion, you will enjoy daily installation of the divine in every area of your life, and if you stay consistent over a period of time then you will become a walking miracle and a miracle worker.

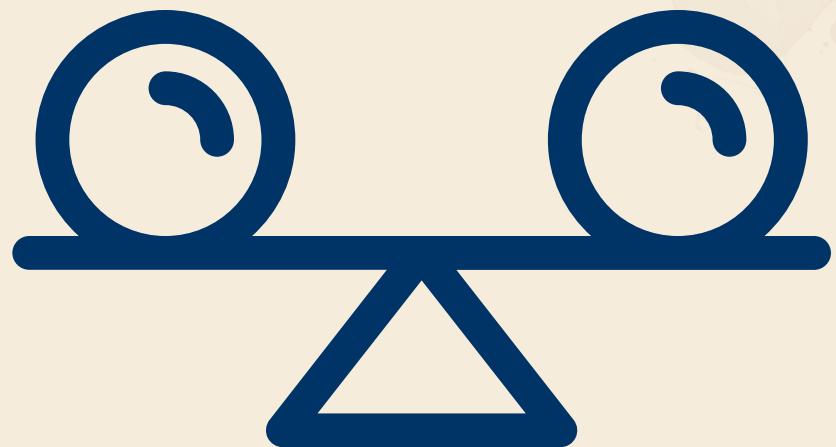




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STABILITY

Many undermine the strength of character called STABILITY that consistent morning devotion builds in you, it makes you. It changes you. In discipline, you are new, in insight, you are ahead. This happens every day in little drops and sadly this is what is lacking in the life of many gifted Believers and it is responsible for why many Believers do not have the strength to live and maximize their gifts to GOD's full design for them.



Your personal devotion is the key to your fruitfulness. Yes, you have been endowed with gifts, but all the gifts and graces in you are machine parts that need fuel to come alive effectively, and your personal devotion is that fuel.



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If your parents instilled the discipline of Morning Devotion in you growing up, send them an appreciation message for raising you right in the Lord.

The Place of devotion is the place of convicti on

Take your morning devotional seriously today. If you have questions or need help, mail me; at tobore@saltcitycentral.org

