

Our Personal Time with the Lord

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Your words were found and I ate them, and Your words became for me a joy and the delight of my heart. Jeremiah 15:16

Scriptural Focus and Testimonial

Joshua 1:8
Planning for success

Proverbs 2:1-11 Searching for treasure

Hebrews 11:2 II Timothy 2:15 **Gaining approval**

Hebrews 12:1-3 **Not losing heart**

Suggested "Bare Basics" Methodology

1. Begin your day with prayer.

- a. Repent of daily sin. (attitudes and frustrations)
- b. Cast all your cares upon Him. (I Peter 5:7)
- c. ASK. (For everyone that asks, receives . . . Matthew 7:8)



2. Let God engrave His truth on your heart and mind and life.

a. The chapter by chapter study of the supernatural Book allows the Holy Spirit the opportunity to be your teacher. (Nobody else can feed on God's Word for you, just like no one else can eat and digest food for you.)

 Two foundational methods: Inductive Bible study by using the Inductive Study Bible (or one similar to it) OR by using a Bible reading schedule, along with journaling.

c. The effectual use of these study methods leads to stability, strength, confidence and joy in your Christian life.

Proverbs 2:1-11

My son, if you will receive my words And treasure my commandments within you, ² Make your ear attentive to wisdom, Incline your heart to understanding; ³ For if you cry for discernment, Lift your voice for understanding; ⁴ If you seek her as silver And search for her as for hidden treasures; ⁵ Then you will discern the fear of the LORD And discover the knowledge of God. ⁶ For the LORD gives wisdom; From His mouth come knowledge and understanding. ⁷ He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; He is a shield to those who walk in integrity, ⁸ Guarding the paths of justice, And He preserves the way of His godly ones. ⁹ Then you will discern righteousness and justice And equity and every good course. ¹⁰ For wisdom will enter your heart And knowledge will be pleasant to your soul; ¹¹ Discretion will guard you, Understanding will watch over you.

Fames 1:25

But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the law of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man will be blessed in what he does.

3.	Other helps that can be added in with the
	inductive study of the Word of God.

- a. Devotional study books
- b. Fast food books
 - Daily Light (Samuel Bagster)
 - Streams in the Desert (L. B. Cowman)
 - Cheque Book of the Bank of Faith (C. H. Spurgeon)

4. Memorization—HUGE spiritual benefit, because it forces meditation and brings comfort and stability and ammunition against Satanic attack.

5. Prayer Journals—provide amazing spiritual encouragement to see how God answers your own prayers.

"What God Ordains Is Always Good" by Samuel Rodigast, 1649-1708

- What God ordains is always good;
 His will abideth holy.
 As He directs my life for me,
 I follow meek and lowly.
 God indeed in every need
 Doth well know how to shield me;
 To Him, then, I will yield me.
- What God ordains is always good.
 His loving thought attends me;
 No poison can be in the cup
 That my Physician sends me.
 My God is true; Each morn anew
 I'll trust His grace unending,
 My life to Him commending.
- 5. What God ordains is always good. Though I the cup am drinking Which savors now of bitterness, I take it without shrinking. For after grief God grants relief, My heart with comfort filling And all my sorrow stilling.
- 6. What God ordains is always good.
 This truth remains unshaken.
 Though sorrow, need, or death be mine,
 I shall not be forsaken.
 I fear no harm, For with His arm
 He shall embrace and shield me;
 So to my God I yield me.

Sources for more in depth Bible study methods:

"Capturing God's Word, Capturing My Heart" Parts 1 & 2 by Jeremy Dion, December 31, 2017 and January 3, 2018

"Let Me Hear Your Lovingkindness in the Morning" by Pastor Minnick, November 26, 2017

The church website offers some other helps under the Resources tab.

God is My Strength by Patricia Ennis



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