

# Sunday, October 16, 2022

1 Timothy 4:13, “Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching.”

**Title: Regular Devotional Times**

**Series: Abiding in Christ ... 1**

**Text: John 15:1 - 17**

Purpose: I want to INFORM my congregation to three BENEFITS of regular devotional times.

## Introduction:

~ John 15:1 – 17

### 1. Regular Devotional Times Increase Fellowship:

~ Matthew 22:37, “And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.”” Cf Deuteronomy 6:5

~ 1 John 1:3, “that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.”

~ 1 John 5:2, “By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments.”

~ John 1:1 – 18: (1) “the Word was God.”; (10) “He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him.”; (18) “No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father’s side, he has made him known.”

~ John 1:12 – 13, “But to all who received him, who believed in his name he gave the right (G1849, exousia) to become children of God, (13) who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.”

### 2. Regular Devotional Times Ensures Nutrition:

~ John 15:5 – 6, “I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. (6) If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into fire, and burned.”

There us a judgment of believers:

2 Corinthians 5:1 – 10, 1 Corinthians 3:1 – 15,

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~ Matthew 4:4, “But he answered, It is written, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”

~ John 6:35, “Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.””

~ John 4:14, “but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

~ Psalm 19:7, “The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.”

~ Hebrews 1:3, “He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.”

### 3. Regular Devotional Times Equips the Saint to be Overcomers:

~ Matthew 4:4, 6, 10, “It is written,”; “for it is written,”; “Be gone Satan! For it is written,”

~ James 1:25, “But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.”

~ 2 Timothy 3:16 – 17, “All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, (17) that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.”

~ 2 Timothy 2:21, “therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work.”

~ Titus 2:14, “who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.”

~ Psalm 1:1 - 3

~ Romans 12:21, “Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”

~ 1 John 2:13, “I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning, I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one, I write to you, children, because you know the Father.”

~ Revelation 12:10 – 11, “And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. (11) And they have conquered (overcame) him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death.”

## Conclusion:

Hymn – Leaning on the Everlasting Arms