

Sunday, October 23, 2022

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

Title: Regular Devotional Times, Part 2

Series: Abiding in Christ ... 2

Text: John 15:1 - 17

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

Introduction:

~ John 15:1 – 17

~ Regular Devotional Times, Part 1

Regular Devotional Times Increase Fellowship

Regular Devotional Times Ensures Nutrition

Regular Devotional Times Equips the Saints to be Overcomers

1. Regular Devotional Times Contribute to Godly Character:

~ 2 Corinthians 6:14, “Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness?”

~ Amos 3:3, “Do two walk together, unless they have agreed to meet?” “Can two walk together, except they be agreed?” (KJV)

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~ Romans 12:2, “do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.” Repent, Renounce, Renew

~ Colossians 3:9 – 10, “Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices, (10) and have put on the new self, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.”

~ 1 Peter 2:1 – 3, “So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. (2) Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation- (3) if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.”

2. Regular Devotional Times Contribute to Blessings:

~ Hosea 4:6, “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because you have rejected knowledge, I reject you from being a priest to me. And since you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.”

This is Old Testament but is there application to Believers?

~ 1 Peter 2:9 – 10, “But you are a chosen race, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. (10) Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.”

~ Matthew 6:33, “But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”

~ 2 Peter 1:4, “by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.”

~ 2 Corinthians 6:17 – 7:1

3. Regular Devotional Times Contribute to a Strong Internal Compass:

~ Our natural, unregenerated inclinations:

Isaiah 53:6, “All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.”

Proverbs 14:12, “There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.”

~ The regenerated nature:

John 10:3 – 4, “To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. (4) When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.”

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~ Romans 8:4, “in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.”

~ John 16:7 – 11, “Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. (8) And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment; (9) concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; (10) concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; (11) concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.”

Psalms 25

Conclusion:

Hymn – He Leadeth Me