

DAILY TIME with God

Communication is the cornerstone of every relationship, including our relationship with God. How can we truly love Him with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength (**Matthew 22:36-40**) if we lack a personal connection built on meaningful communication? Unlike human relationships, communicating with God may feel more complex because He is a spiritual being. Yet, God has made a way for us.

He gave us a Mediator, Jesus Christ, who fully understands what it means to be human (**1 Timothy 2:5**). In the Gospel of John, Jesus is called the Word of God—the ultimate expression of God’s truth and communication with mankind. Through Him, God’s message is no longer distant or abstract. Jesus became the physical manifestation of God’s love and truth. Because of His sacrifice, we can now approach God’s throne with confidence (**Hebrews 4:16**).

Through Jesus and the Holy Spirit, we are invited to worship God in Spirit and Truth. However, building this new way of communicating with God may take time, patience, and practice. It requires us to prioritize spending daily time with Him—an essential rhythm for spiritual growth, living in the Spirit, and finding rest in His presence.

A Relationship, Not a Ritual

Imagine being married, but your spouse never talks to you, shares meals with you, or spends time with you. They never prioritize you, and when they do communicate, it’s only through someone else. What kind of relationship would that be? Could you even call it a marriage?

As believers, we are the bride of Christ (**Revelation 19:7-9**). We are invited into an intimate and personal relationship with the Bridegroom, Jesus. He has promised, “...I am with you always, to the end of the age” (**Matthew 28:20**). Every day, we have the choice to come to Him, just as He came to the Father during His time on earth.

This relationship is not about rituals or religious acts; it’s about cultivating closeness with Jesus and experiencing the fullness of His love.

True Relationship vs. Empty Recognition

In **Matthew 7:21-23**, Jesus delivers a sobering warning about the difference between true followers and those who simply claim to know Him:

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?’ Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’”

This passage reveals important truths:

- **Many will recognize Jesus as Lord.**
- **Only those who do the will of the Father will enter the kingdom of heaven (John 6:40 explains the Father’s will is to believe in Jesus and have eternal life).**
- **On the Day of Judgment, some will boast about their impressive religious works—prophesying, casting out demons, performing miracles.**
- **Despite their works, Jesus will say to some, “I never knew you.”**
- **Salvation requires a genuine, personal relationship with Jesus, not just religious activity.**

The people turned away are called evildoers—not because they didn’t accomplish great things, but because they lacked a personal connection with Jesus. Their actions were not rooted in love or relationship. **What does it look like to truly know Jesus and be known by Him in our daily lives?**

The Call to Know Him

The beauty of the Gospel is that Jesus invites us into a deep, personal relationship with Him. He doesn’t just want our acknowledgment or our works—**He wants our hearts.** Knowing Him requires intentional communication: prayer, worship, and immersing ourselves in His Word.

A true relationship with God isn’t about checking religious boxes or performing outward acts. It’s about being known by Him and knowing Him in return.

Every day, we’re invited to draw near to Jesus. Through this relationship, we experience His presence, His love, and the transformative power of His Spirit. Communication with God is not only a foundational aspect of our faith but it is also the key to living a vibrant, Spirit-filled life.

How to Use The Daily Time With God Tracker:

If you're looking to build a habit of spending daily time with God this tracking tool is for you! We encourage you to start small, take 15 minutes each day (preferably in the morning) and use this tool to track your progress. 15 minutes is about 1% of your day; can you give 1% of your day to building a personal relationship with Jesus. As you begin to master this habit you are invited to spend more and more time with God, with a long-term goal of planning a Day Alone With God (DAWG).

Date: It's helpful to include the year for future reviews.

Scripture Verses: What verses did you cover or indicate a verse that stood out to you compared to the others.

Paraphrase Passage: Remain faithful to the text, but put the passage in your own words, this will help you to remember the text.

The Wheel Illustration: The basic elements needed in the life of a believer.

The Word Acronym: Things to look for while you read through Scripture.

Command to Obey: Righteous Laws, Statutes, Judgements to obey.

Application to Make: What changes do you need to make?

Promise to Claim: What promises of God are being made?

Sin to Avoid: What do you need to avoid or repent of in your life?

Something New About God/People: What new truth did you learn?

Prayer Acronym: A simple framework for praying to God.

Adoration: Recognize the wonderful Truths and Attributes of God.

Confession: Be honest and vulnerable about your sins, share them with God.

Thanksgiving: Recognize what God has given you and be grateful.

Supplication: Dialogue with God and present your formal requests.

Intercession: Praying in the Will of God; praying the Scriptures.

Notes: Who, What, Where, When, How. Include key things to remember.

Application: What specific item will you apply to your life today?

Who Can You Share This With: Who needs to hear this or who will I come in contact with today that I can share this with?

Scripture Verse Memorization: Is there are verse you can add to your Scripture memory collection? If not, practicing reciting your most recent verse.

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Paraphrase Passage: _____



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