

Daily Devotional Practice

Purpose:

What I do on a daily basis to get to know God better everyday.

Colossians 3:10 “His purpose is for you to become more like Him and to reflect even more of His loving personality. That’s the reason He created you. And every day you can know Him better than you did the day before.”

Procedure:

Sing:

When I first wake up in the morning, even before I roll out of bed, I sing a song.

Examples: “It’s a happy Day”, “Tis’ Love that makes us happy”,
“All Day Long”, “When I wake up in the Morning”

Pray:

I pray for the things on my mind. Usually it is the things I went to bed thinking about the night before. (certainly not worrying about!?)

I always pray for my family, for my work, our principal, for our church, the leaders of our church and our nation.

I pray for my students; those with good grades, those struggling with grades, but mostly for the ones who are struggling with home or spiritual issues.

Study:

I read daily from two devotional books.

“My Utmost for His Highest” by Oswald Chambers (updated edition)

“By Faith Alone” by Martin Luther

I read from one of the books from “The Conflict of the Ages Series”.

I finish by reading from the Bible. When I am reading devotionally I read from either the “Clear Word Bible” or from “The Message”.

I read a new story each day and pray for an application to the issues I am facing at the moment. It never fails that God gives me something for the day.

The last thing I read is to leaf thru my devotional books and the Bible and stop at some of the special sections I had highlighted from a previous reading. These quotations always remind me of God’s leading and the lessons He taught me in my past experiences.

Journaling:

Here is where I often run out of time. My last activity is to Journal what I just learned or experienced. However, I don’t want to do it if I don’t have time to do it well. So sometimes I wait to do it later, but guess what? It is surprising how much you can forget from the morning to the evening. I can read over the same text, but can’t remember the exciting point or idea I felt God showed that very

morning. Sometimes I remember, and I write it down. But it is never as good as the original “light bulb” experience.

I have found for me, it is important to write down enough of the text to get the original point. Then I write down the “light bulb” experience God gave to me. These “light bulb” experiences are very exciting when God gives them to you. But they are even more exciting* when you review them and are reminded of how much God has lead you, taught you, and how much He loves you*.

*”If you want excitement, get excited about what God has done and about what He is doing”! Ephesians 5:18

*”And the freedom we now feel is that if we can ask Him for anything, and He will not only listen, but will **answer our prayers** and do **whatever is best for us**. We know He doesn’t turn a deaf ear to us. And whatever we ask for, we know that **He will answer according to His love.**” I John 5:14,15