Worshipping Alone

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*Now the* *Bereans were of more noble character*

*than the Thessalonians, for they received the message*

*with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures*

***every day*** *to see if what Paul said was true.* -Acts 17:11

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* **Examples for a daily time with God** (Psalm 119)
*  **Nature of the Word**
* It is powerful and penetrating -Heb 4:12
* It is the very word of God and useful -2 Tim 3:16
* Your devotional time is your MDR \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
*  **Devotional Overview** – How to be prepared!
* **You need a** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* **You need a** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
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*  **Resources for a Devotional Time with God**
* Print - Are you ready to read?
  + Bible Reading Plans – need to focus on the text
    - <https://www.biblegateway.com/reading-plans/?version=NIV>
    - <https://bibleplan.org/>
  + Make your reading more fruitful through **questions**…
    - *Is there a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to obey?*
    - *Is there a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to claim?*
    - *Is there a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to avoid?*
    - *Is there a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to learn?*
    - *Is there a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to carry with me?*
  + Use the Six honest serving men
    - *I KEEP six honest serving-men (They taught me all I knew)*

*Their names are* ***What*** *and* ***Why*** *and* ***When***

*And* ***How*** *and* ***Where*** *and* ***Who****.*

* + Use variety to help keep your devotional time fresh

**$** Electronic – Are you plugged in?

* Apps for phone or tablets
  + **YouVersion** (Holy Bible) & **Daily Audio Bible**
* Internet/Bible programs for your computer
  + BibleGateway - <https://www.biblegateway.com>
  + Logos Software - <https://www.logos.com/>
*  **Structure of a Devotional Time with God**

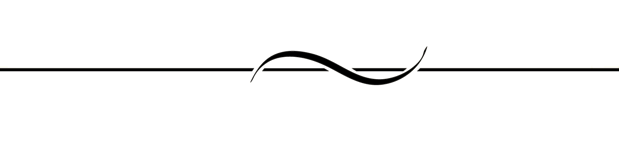
*The bottom line is not that we lack resources*

*but that we often fail to utilize them!*

*  **The Benefits of a Devotional life**
* Prepared for the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_…Matt 4:4, 7, 10
* Perspective for the times of darkness, disappointment, and pain
* Perception when \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is needed -Ps 119:105
* Blessedness, wisdom, faith… - Ps 1
* It forms the foundation to participate in…
* **Corporate worship, Study, Meditation, and Memorization**

\* Questions for Reflection \*

1. How do you view a time with God differently as result of this message?
2. Can you identify several changes you need to make in your life to help you better practice a God honoring devotional time?
3. Who can you share these insights with?



***Now devote your heart and soul to seeking the Lord your God***…1 Chr 22:19a