

# Influence Ministries

## 40 DAYS IN THE WORD

### LESSON 2

#### TITLE: GETTING INTO THE WORD.

We all have 168hrs a week.

You have to make time for the things you believe count.

It's not a matter of time, it's a matter of priorities,

it's a matter of values.

What's important to you?

I'm asking you to make a daily commitment to God/His Word.

*Matthew 6:33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.*

That means you don't give Him your leftovers.

Your quiet time should be the #1 priority commitment time of your life

#### **Four privileges of a quiet time with God:**

1. We give devotion to God

Because God deserves our devotion and,

God desires our devotion

2. We get direction from God

*Psalms 25:4-5 4 Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths. 5 Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.*

Our time with God gives us a mid-course correction in our life/situation

God can see what you can't see

I give devotion to God, and I get direction from God

3. We gain delight in God

*Psalms 16:11 You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.*

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4. We grow more like God

When you become to think like God thinks, (through His Word), that's going to solve a whole lot of your problems.

## **Four elements of a quiet time**

1. Start with the proper attitudes

What are the right attitudes?

- a) Come with expectancy
- b) Come with reverence
- c) Come with alertness
- d) Come with willingness to obey

2. Select a specific time

The best time is when you are at your best.

Be consistent. Schedule a time with God. Don't miss your appointment. Start with 5min. The goal is 15min a day.

3. Choose a special place

Luke 22:39 Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and his disciples followed him.

4. Follow a simple plan

Cultivating a quiet time with God. Doing this on purpose You have to purposely get with God.

Wait on God, slow down and be quiet, Pray briefly, short opening prayer for God to cleanse your heart

*Psalm 139:23-24 23 Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. 24 See if there is any offensive way in me and lead me in the way everlasting.*

Memorize these two scriptures.

Read a section of scripture, this is where your conversation with God begins. We are trying to get His Word in us.

Meditate and memorize a verse

Think about it seriously. If speaks to you, write it down and memorize it. Write down what God shows you

When God speaks to you from His Word and you write it down, you're saying a care about what You are showing me.

## **HAVE YOUR TIME OF PRAYER**

## **ALL THESE ARE STRUCTURED QUIET TIME WITH GOD**