

# D Daily Walk

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Bible Christianity is **not** a *CREED* (a set of beliefs), but a *PERSON*: the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ. When we receive the Lord Jesus as our Saviour, we receive **Him** as a real Person into our heart and life and, although there are many *THINGS* to learn about the Lord and the Christian life, we must *never forget* there is a personal relationship to be enjoyed and maintained.

Personal relationships are maintained by **communication**, and every Christian needs a “daily walk” with his or her Lord to enjoy all that God has in store.

This is the battleground where victory or defeat in your Christian life will be decided!

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## THE VITAL REQUIREMENTS OF A GOOD DAILY WALK

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- A. Look back at Preliminary Study #2. God’s will for you as a young Christian is to \_\_\_\_\_ into spiritual maturity.
  
- B. Just as there are several essential requirements for physical growth, so there are some essential requirements for your spiritual growth. This study will look at TWO of the key disciplines you will need for a daily walk with the Lord.



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## WHEN SHOULD I WALK WITH GOD?

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A. Our walk with the Lord needs to be **constant**. It should never be a “Sunday thing” or in any other way sporadic.

1. Look up: *Joshua 1:8*.

God’s command to Joshua was that His Word should not \_\_\_\_\_  
out of his mouth and mind day and \_\_\_\_\_.

See also: *Deuteronomy 6:6-9*.

2. Look up: *I Thessalonians 5:17*.

Here, we are instructed to pray without \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Because of our busy schedules of daily life, it is necessary for a Christian to set aside a *DEFINITE TIME EACH DAY* for a devotional walk with the Lord.

1. Look up: *Daniel 6:10*. How many times did Daniel pray each day?

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2. Look up: *Acts 17:11*. How often did the Berean Christians read the Word of God? \_\_\_\_\_

3. There is no *Biblically* prescribed time for your daily devotions. The important thing is that you set a time aside.

It may be early in the morning...

It may be after the family has left home for the day...

It may be during an undisturbed lunch break...

It may be when the family has gone to bed...

**YOU SET THE TIME — THEN STICK TO IT!**

Having considered my family, my duties, and my usual activities in the light of God’s clear command, I now promise the Lord that I will set aside the following time each day for the purpose of Bible study and prayer:

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date : \_\_\_\_\_

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## HOW SHOULD I WALK WITH GOD?

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Now that you have committed to set aside a definite time for devotions, remember that *good* habits are usually hard to form. Ask the Lord to help you keep this vital appointment with Him. If you fail, don't quit — there's always the next day to re-start.

### A. Divide Your Time Roughly into Thirds.

- One-third for Bible reading.
- One-third for thinking about what God said (*meditating on it*).
- One third for prayer.

This time, 20 minutes at least, should be deliberately reserved, conscientiously kept, and valiantly defended against the mind, the flesh, and the Devil.

### B. Make Habakkuk 2:1 Your Motto! [Write out this verse below.]

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## SOME BASIC RULES FOR BIBLE STUDY

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### A. Begin With a Short Prayer, Asking the Lord to Teach You.

Look up and write out *Psalms 119:18*. This can be a model prayer for you.

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### B. Remember God Means What He Says and Says What He Means.

Take every word in its primary, literal meaning (unless the context clearly indicates otherwise).

*“When the plain sense makes common sense, seek no other sense,  
or it all becomes nonsense.”*

### C. Keep in Mind — while all the Bible was written **for** you, it was not all written to you, nor was it all written *about* you.

To help you understand a passage apply the **GOLDEN KEY**. Always ask these four questions:

- WHO IS SPEAKING?
- TO WHOM IS IT SPOKEN?
- ABOUT WHAT IS BEING SPOKEN?
- WHEN WAS IT SPEAKING?

**D. Have a Definite Bible Reading Schedule.**

If you don't, your Bible reading will become hit and miss or random — and so will your Christian life.

**E. Keep a Notebook to Write Down Truths, Insights, and Questions.**

**F. Mark Your Bible.**

Underline key verses. Write down other references in the margins. (If you do not wish to do this in your best Bible, purchase a less expensive one for study purposes.)

**Note:** Not all pens are suitable for writing in your Bible. Some tend to bleed or smudge. Very fine point drafting pens with pigmented ink work best.

**G. Treat the Bible as a Personal Letter from God.**

Read it ardently and expectantly, as a lover reads a love letter — *Jeremiah 31:3*.

**H. Scripture Always Interprets Scripture.**

Interpret an obscure passage in the light of a clear passage — *II Peter 1:20*.

**I. You MUST Resolve to Obey the Word of God as you Read and Study It.**

Look up: *John 15:14*.

**J. When You Cannot Understand a Scripture** — remember you have a pastor who cares for you and who delights in teaching the Word of God. Call him, listen to him, and then go back and check the scriptures to see if what he says is so.

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## **SOME BASIC TEACHING ON PRAYER**

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In your daily quiet time with the Lord, you will want to pray. (A full lesson on prayer will be presented in Study #16.)

**A. What is Prayer?**

1. Look up: *Matthew 6:5-7*. In your own words, state what prayer is not.  
Prayer is not \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Look up: *Matthew 7:7<sup>a</sup>*. The word “pray” simply means “to \_\_ \_\_ \_\_.”  
Prayer is asking. It is the cry of a Christian unto God, the request of a child to his or her Father.

**B. To Whom Do We Pray?**

Look up: *John 15:16<sup>f</sup>; John 16:23<sup>c</sup>* and *Luke 11:2*. To Whom should we address our prayers? \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** Nowhere does the Bible instruct us to repeat the words of *Luke 11:2-4*. It is not the Lord's Prayer, since He never prayed it! It is a "model" prayer given to teach believers how to pray (*Luke 11:1*).

Here's a handy way to remember the key elements of prayer:

- A** Adoration — praising and worshiping God — *Psalm 107:8*.
- C** Confession — searching one's heart and life — *Psalm 51:10; 66:18*.
- T** Thanksgiving — thanking God for all His blessings — *Hebrews 13:15*.
- S** Supplication — making requests known to God — *Ephesians 6:18*.

**C. In Whose Name Do We Pray?**

Look up: *John 14:14* and *John 16:24*. We pray in the Name of \_\_\_\_\_ .

**D. For What May We Ask?**

- Matthew 6:11* \_\_\_\_\_
- James 1:5* \_\_\_\_\_
- II Thessalonians 3:1* \_\_\_\_\_
- Acts 4:29* \_\_\_\_\_
- Psalm 34:4* \_\_\_\_\_
- Psalm 119:18* \_\_\_\_\_
- Psalm 119:133* \_\_\_\_\_

There are many other things we can pray for. The above are just some examples.

As a "handy" rule:

- Begin your prayer by thanking God for blessings.
- In the middle, pray for others and their needs.
- At the end, pray for yourself and your needs.

**J**– *Jesus first*   **O**– *Others next*   **Y**– *Yourself last*

**E. Keep an On-Going Prayer List:**

1. Keep a prayer list with your Bible. On it, write down any definite requests you may have — special family needs, church needs, and the burdens other Christians may share with you.
2. Don't forget to write down the answers as they come. Doing this will encourage you to pray more.

**READING ASSIGNMENT:**

Read: *Matthew Chapter 6.*

**MEMORIZATION:**

Review all the memory verses to date :

*John 1:12*

*I John 5:11-12*

*Psalms 119:9,11*

*Hebrews 10:25*