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What Is a Quiet Time Communicating With a Holy God

There are many people who want to know God, and they truly want to have a communication with Him but they do not understand Him. God is Holy, He can not sin. But the Bible makes mention repeatedly of God's wrath which is hard for us to understand. It may very well be that God is so good that he did not even know what murder was until he had to destroy the fallen angels' body with the War of Hades in Heaven. God learned sin from his greatest creations, men and angels.

A quiet time with God is essential to knowing God and getting His blessings on your life. If you can get past the church you need to go to, you can learn to have a quiet time. The Ana-Baptist knew that false religions would pollute America so they set out for an Underground Baptist Church so that doctrines of the Baptist could be taught in other denominations. Truly, a Catholic can be saved and learn a least a few of the more important doctrines of the KJV by going to the right Catholic church and reading a missal. But some Catholic churches did not afford them this benefit.

So, what is a quiet time? It is the time you spend reading your Bible and praying on your own. You should set aside about one hour to pray and about one hour for your Bible, but you can read the Bible intermittently during the day. You can also pray without ceasing which is the conversation you have with God all day long. I usually read one chapter from the Old Testament, one chapter from the Book of Psalms, one chapter from the Book of Proverbs and one chapter from the New Testament. This initial reading gives me something to think about all day long, and then I read my pocket New Testament through out the day. A pastor usually reads more than this, but for the average person you can read more and do Bible studies based on your pastor's preaching.

I learned how to pray from <u>Dr. Jack Hyles</u>, the late pastor of the First Baptist Church of Hammond in Indiana. When you pray you should cover four areas: glory to God, thankfulness, requests for others and forgiveness of your sin.

I usually give glory to God by recognizing His creation and His holy name. You can get the names of God as you go through your Bible, and you can write down every time the name of God is mentioned. There are names for God Himself such as *The Lord of Hosts, The Holy One of Israel,* etc. The Jews are familiar with these. There are names of Jesus Christ including, *The Way—The Truth—the Life, the Savior, The Living Water, The Bread of Life,* etc. There are names for the Holy Spirit including *The Comforter, The Spirit of God*, etc.

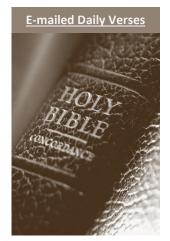
In prayer I then give God glory for his work through His prophets and I go through a few of the major prophets and their miracles. You may then thank God for all the things he has done for you and others. Then you can pray for the needs of others. This usually involves a prayer list generated by your church. Try to be specific about what you want God to do for that person. Then you can confess your sin so that God can reduce the enmity between God and yourself caused by it.

Having a quiet time involves discipline because many things will try to deter you away from it like phone calls, the kids, etc.

When you as an adult can have a quiet time on a regular basis, you can teach your kids to be responsible enough to do the same, but theirs can be shorter and more simple. You should have a *family altar* every day where you all get together and pray and read the Bible. It is important to expose your children to the things of God. You can use literature,

especially with pictures, but I would recommend <u>literature</u> created by the Independent Fundamental Baptist movement, because most childrens' Bible literature contains heresy.

Having a quiet time is essential to maintaining a peaceful country, and getting the blessings of God for your sustenance and prosperity. It is essential to winning a war.



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