
How to Take Time to be Holy

1 PETER 1:16

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- Take time for communication with God
 - Romans 12:12
“Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;”
 - 1 Thessalonians 5:17
“Pray without ceasing.”
 - Let God speak to you
 - Hebrews 1:1, 2 “God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by *his* Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;”

Take time for communication with God

- “Spend much time in secret with Jesus alone.”
 - Matthew 6:6 “But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.”
 - There are times for public prayers!
 - More prayers should be offered to God in secret
- “Forgetting in nothing His blessings to seek.”
 - Are we seeking the blessings of God?
 - It is okay to pray for blessings
 - It is acceptable to pray for God’s favor.

Take Time for Nourishment

- “Feed on His word”
 - John 6:35 “And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.”
- Sustenance comes from the Word of God
 - John 6:51 “I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.”
 - John 6:53-57
- We should desire nourishment from the Lord
 - 1 Peter 2:1, 2
 - Hebrews 5:12-14

Take Time for Guidance

- "Each thought and each motive beneath his control."
 - 2 Corinthians 10:5 "Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;"
 - "Captivity" to lead away captive
 - Psalm 119:24 "Thy testimonies also *are* my delight *and* my counsellors."
 - Psalm 119:35 "Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; for therein do I delight."
 - Walk in the Light
 - 1 John 1:7 "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."
 - Psalm 119:105 "Thy word *is* a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."

Take Time for Companionship

- "Make friends of God's children"
 - John 15:14 "Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you."
 - James 4:4 "Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God."
 - 1 John 2:15 "Love not the world, neither the things *that are* in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him."
- Our closest relationships need to be with fellow Christians
 - The world needs to see our love for the brethren
 - Hebrews 10:24 "And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:"

Take Time for Compassion

- "Help those who are weak"
- Romans 15:1-3 "We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let every one of us please *his* neighbor for *his* good to edification. For even Christ pleased not himself; but, as it is written, The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me."
- Galatians 6:10 "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all *men*, especially unto them who are of the household of faith."

Take Time for Tranquility

- "Be calm in thy soul"
- Calm one another
 - Matthew 14:27 "But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid."
- "By looking to Jesus, like Him though shalt be"
- 2 Corinthians 3:18 "But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, *even* as by the Spirit of the Lord."
- Matthew 5:16 "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Faither which is in heaven."

Take Time for Loyalty

- "Abide in Him always"
- John 8:31, 32 "Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, *then* are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."
- John 15:1-7
- Seven (7) Times Jesus uses the word "Abide"
 - Thayer says: "1c) In reference to state or condition: to remain as one, not to become another or different"

Take Time for Preparation

- "Thou soon shall be fitted for service above."
- This life is all about getting to that place of rest
- Matthew 11:28-30 "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke *is* easy, and my burden is light."

Take Time to Be Holy

Ye shall be holy: for I the LORD your God am holy. Lev. 19:2

He hath chosen us in him... that we should be holy and without blame before him in love. Eph. 1:4

1. Take time to be ho - ly, speak oft with thy Lord;
2. Take time to be ho - ly, the world rush - es on;
3. Take time to be ho - ly, let Him be thy Guide;
4. Take time to be ho - ly, be calm in thy soul,

A - bide in Him al - ways, and feed on His Word.
Spend much time in se - cret, with Je - sus a - lone.
And run not be - fore Him, what - ev - er be - tide.
Each thought and each mo - tive be - neath His con - trol.

Make friends of God's chil - dren, help those who are weak,
By look - ing to Je - sus, like Him thou shalt be;
In joy or in sor - row, still fol - low the Lord,
Thus led by His Spir - it to foun - tains of love,

For - get - ting in noth - ing His bless - ing to seek.
Thy friends in thy con - duct His like - ness shall see.
And, look - ing to Je - sus, still trust in His Word.
Thou soon shalt be fit - ted for ser - vice a - bove.

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We sing the song.
Do we know how to Apply it?