

Enjoying Relationship with God Day-by-day

Where do you find enjoyment in your day-by day relationship with God?

1) Relationship with God

“Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth — everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”

Isaiah 43:6-7

- **Broken in Adam**

- **Whole in Christ**

How will I daily become transformed to be more like Christ?

2) Becoming like Christ

- **By his Spirit, through his Word**

“we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.”

2 Corinthians 3:18

“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.”

2 Timothy 3:16-17

- **As we feed on his Word**

“I am the bread of life”, “The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life”.

John 6:48, 63

3) Feeding on God's Word

Psalm 119:9-11

Josh 1:8

2 Tim 2:16

Hebrews 4:12-13

Eph 6:13-18

Luke 4:1-13

Col 3:16

Prov 4:1-9

Psalm 19:7 (Psalm 119:130)

Psalm 119:97-104

Job 23:12;

Deut 8:3;

Psalm 1;

1 Pet 2:2

4) Personal Devotions

- **Why not?!**

- **What will it look like?**

a) Read Expectantly

"As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth ... so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it."

Isaiah 55:10-11

"For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart."

Hebrews 4:12-13

b) Read Thoughtfully

*“I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways.
I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word.”*

Psalm 119:14-15

*“Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that
you may be careful to do everything written in it.”*

Joshua 1:8

c) Read Prayerfully

*“We preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles,
but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God
and the wisdom of God.”*

- How do I do it?

- a) What do you do in your own personal bible reading?

- b) How might we apply the above principles to our own personal bible reading?

Top Tips!

- Get rid of distractions
- Make it regular
- Prioritise it
- Summarise what you learn
- Be realistic
- Read for the right reasons

Resources

- Bible
- 10 of those Undated devotions
- Search the Scriptures, *Alan M. Stibbs*
- For the Love of God, *D. A. Carson*
- Bible Speaks Today (BST) commentaries