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Daily Bible reading and prayer is a struggle for many evangelicals - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2014/4/14 17:17

New research has shed light on the difficulties evangelicals have in making time for their spiritual life.

In particular, the Evangelical Alliance's study found that evangelicals struggle to find the time for both reading the Bible and praying each day.

Of the over 1,500 surveyed, nearly all (90 per cent) said they read the Bible regularly, but only 31 per cent said they set aside a substantial period of time each day to pray.

Although 87 per cent agreed that every Christian needs to spend time alone with God on a daily basis, and that without .
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read more: <http://bit.ly/1hCz3wd>

Re: Daily Bible reading and prayer is a struggle for many evangelicals - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2014/4/14 17:18

Here is one option:

Chronological Bible Reading of Scriptures (pdf)
<http://www.gospelfellowships.net/pdf/biblereadingofscriptures.pdf>

Re: - posted by havok20x, on: 2014/4/14 17:41

Brother,

This touches home with me. I struggle with prayer in general. I do pray, but I want it to be fervant and effectual and especially honoring to the Lord.

I feel like if I try to pray for a few hours (or sometimes even a few minutes), that I will just be repeating again and again all those things that I have already said. Do you have any resources that teach men how to pray, including scripture?

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2014/4/14 18:32

This seems like a helpful article brother

Ten Tips to Help Your Prayer Life
<http://www.str.org/articles/ten-tips-to-help-your-prayer-life#.U0xhn173Wnc>

Re: - posted by brothagary, on: 2014/4/15 5:53

brother ask for the gift of toungs and desire it ,,when ever I struggle because of dryness of desire ,,I some times remeber and start to pray toungs ,,and and set my mind on him ,,and the edification allways lifts my spirit in a way that normal prayer rarely does unless im already going through a time of mild personal revive

you may start praying in the flesh but keep going eventually you should begin to pray with your spirit in the spirit

blessings

Re: - posted by brothagary, on: 2014/4/15 5:56

ohhh rebuke any evil spirits that may be distracting you comand the to leave in the name of Jesus „and pray to god to g
ive you a broken spirit „, do that before you pray in touns

Re: - posted by brothagary, on: 2014/4/15 6:00

ohhh I forgot the most important thing do all that in faith and expect to receive „,that is allway hard „, don't come to the
prayer den with doubt

blessings

Re: Daily Bible reading and prayer is a struggle for many evangelicals - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2014/4/15 10:57

While regularly prayer and Bible reading is very important to our relationship with God, I think we need to be careful abo
ut how much emphasis we put on the time we alot to each on a daily basis.

Let us not forget that owning a Bible and being able to read it daily is something of a luxury afforded to us in the West. A
nd even then, with the daily challenges of work, preparing dinner, and raising a family, getting in a lot of time for either c
an be challenging for even the best managers of time.

That's not to say it's not possible, and most of us certainly have a lot of time that we regularly waste on mindless and sh
allow entertainment. But before we come down too hard on others, remember, it was many centuries before Christians
even had regular access to a copy of the Scriptures, let alone having their own private copy in their home. And for thous
ands of years, the average person has worked much longer than a 9-5 job. Many have been forced to work from dawn t
o dusk, and then still have responsibilities to take care of when they get home.

Praying 2 hours a day, as some like Ravenhill have suggested we do, is something many today cannot afford to find the
time to do. Of course, there are people who can. But I remember for several years of my life where I worked 60+ hours
a day, and to travel between 2 jobs, and finding significant time to dedicate to both reading my Bible and pray was very
difficult. Most of my "quiet time" was spent driving from one job to the next.

Re: Daily Bible reading and prayer is a struggle for many evangelicals - posted by MaryJane, on: 2014/4/15 11:22

Greetings

This is interesting thank you for sharing. I use to get hung up on spending a certain number of hours each day in prayer
and BIBLE reading. I always felt tremendous guilt if I didn't meet the quota I had set for myself. Then after much prayer
GOD showed me its not about setting a certain about of time aside, its about walking with HIM every moment of the day.
Its about spending all of my time as HE would have me. I learned how wonderful it can be to sing praise songs to HIM w
hile I do laundry. I learned how comforting it can be to just stop at random times through out my day and talk to HIM. I le
arned how to have a thankful heart and be a cheerful servant as I walk through out the day with JESUS. For me realizin
g that my entire time belongs to HIM freed me from looking for time to spend with HIM. JESUS is LORD of my life HE is
always with me.

For my husband, he spends time in the mornings and before going to bed at night having quiet time with the LORD. Havi
ng these times set aside for the LORD are very important to my husband. He works very long hours but he takes great p
leasure in that time with JESUS. For him its a wonderful way to begin his day and end it. I have learned having set aside
times daily offers my husband the same freedom that I enjoy in the LORD to walk with HIM through the day. We are diffe
rent so it makes since that GOD would have us approach the time HE gives us differently.

I think its important to pray and seek GOD, asking HIM what HIS will and plan is for you and then to walk in that being le
d by the HOLY SPIRIT daily. When I did this my heart and attitude changed completely. I was now able to come to HIM
with a genuine desire to spend time with HIM instead of because "I have to" attitude. Not sure there is a one size fits all t
o this, JESUS is a person and what HE wants and desires is relationship with us so I think spending time as with any rel
ationship is vital but is also unique to those in the relationship :)

God bless
maryjane