

(Youth and the Fires of Devotion) the Fire of His Glory

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The sermon emphasizes the importance of knowing God and spending time alone with Him to deepen one's relationship with Him and experience spiritual growth.

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Description

In this sermon, Brother Denny from Charity Ministries encourages listeners to prioritize their spiritual growth and devotion to God. He outlines a daily routine that includes prayer, Bible reading, memorization, meditation, and listening to sermons. He emphasizes the importance of developing a personal relationship with God and experiencing His presence and guidance. Brother Denny also encourages individuals to journal their thoughts and reflections and to make their own personalized routine for spiritual growth.

Transcript

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These messages are offered to all without charge by the free will offerings of God's people. A special thank you to all who support this ministry. All right, we've come up to the last session concerning youth and the fires of devotion.

Someone want to tell me how it's said there, how it's written, the last one? The fire of His glory. These little names, we came up with them in the van on the way to the airport to go to Africa. And all of the team that was there, we were kind of throwing these around.

We came up with them. We wanted to keep the theme of fire and at the same time move through the tabernacle. And of course, if you know anything at all about the tabernacle, Brother Ross brought out

yesterday that there's a veil right here.

And then on the inside is the ark. And the mercy seat is upon the ark. And there's a couple of cherubs that cover the ark.

And there is where the presence of God is. Now, at different times in the history of Israel, there was no presence of God in there. But in the tabernacle, after Moses reared up the tabernacle and all of the things were set in their places, the Bible says that the Shekinah glory came and filled that place.

And it's the place where God dwells in the Holy of Holies. It's called the Holy of Holies. It's called the most holy place.

No one was allowed to go in there. Only the high priest went in there once a year. And he had to come with blood.

And he had to come with a clean life himself as he went in there. And God dwelt in there. The Shekinah glory was there.

It was the place where the presence of God was. And it is our desire to see each one of you grow in your knowledge of God's presence. It's one thing to know about God.

It's a totally different thing to know God. And many, many people know about God. And most young people who have grown up in Christian homes know about God.

But I would have to say, many, many, many of them do not know God. And that is the true essence of Christianity. Knowing God.

If when you get all done, you do not know God, but all you have is some good precepts and principles to live by, you'll probably have a decent life just for that. But, you have no idea what you're missing if you do not end up knowing the God of Heaven. So, thus the subject, the fire of His glory, or just to know God, to know His presence, to be able to have those seasons where you get alone with God, and you meet with God, and God meets with you, and you know that God met with you, and God talked to you.

And listen, my young people, when God talks to you, there is nothing compared to that. If God talks to somebody, they can do anything. They can go through anything.

They can suffer anything. They can bear anything if God talks to them. They can go anywhere if God talks to them.

So, it's my desire this morning to give you some practical ways that you can cultivate that very experience in your life. If I could use the word experience. I do believe in experiential Christianity.

If you don't have any Christian experience, you don't have any Christianity. And that's something that I bring to the mind of my own young people at home often. And I believe that's one of the responsibilities of a father.

Once their young people come to a place of conversion, to keep on stirring them on, lest they just get settled down in just the so-and-so of Christianity, but rather to continually stir them on, that they will be hungry and more hungry and want to grow and grow and grow in the knowledge of God. So, this morning I'd like to share with you a little bit on this subject of having a season alone with God. I don't know if you've

ever had a season alone with God.

If you haven't, it is my desire to stimulate in you that desire so that you'll go home and do it. If you'll do it, it'll change your life. If you've never had one, it'll change your life.

A season alone with God. I'd like to read a couple of scriptures in light of this. We'll start with Matthew 14 and verse 23.

Again, we're looking at the life of our Lord Jesus. Matthew chapter 14 and verse 23 says, And when He, that's the Lord Jesus, had sent the multitudes away, He went up into a mountain apart to pray, and when evening was come, He was there alone. Now, it doesn't say how long our Lord was there, but it seems to me that He was there a while.

He sent the multitudes away. He sent His disciples away. He put them in a boat and sent them across the Sea of Galilee.

And He went up into the mountain. And as I understand it, He was probably there through the afternoon, and as the evening came, He found Himself there, and He stayed there through the evening because it was the middle of the night that He came upon the disciples walking on the water out in the middle of the sea. So He was there for a good while.

He had a season alone with His Heavenly Father. Turn to Luke chapter 6 and verse 12. Luke chapter 6 and verse 12.

And it came to pass in those days that He went out into a mountain to pray and continued all night in prayer to God. So here we see that our Lord Jesus, He spent the whole night by Himself. If you've never spent a whole night alone with God, I would recommend it to you that you do it.

Make it at the right time, but do it. And then over to John chapter 6 also. We'll read another verse there.

John 6 and verse 15. And this verse always blesses me as I read it. It shows the humility of our Lord Jesus.

And when Jesus therefore perceived that they would come and take Him by force to make Him a king, He departed again into a mountain Himself alone. He saw there a temptation. Remember, Satan came to Him and said, if you bow down and worship me, I'll give you all these kingdoms that you see.

That was a temptation to Jesus, to the pride of life, to position. And He resisted that temptation. Well, here the temptation came again.

Now all the people want to make Him king before the cross, before the atonement, before the salvation plan of mankind can be carried out. They want to make Him a king. And I believe a temptation was there and Jesus knew what to do when that temptation came His way.

He just passed through the crowd, made His way away from them, went up into the mountain, and there He prayed. Our Lord's earthly ministry was scattered with seasons where He got alone with His heavenly Father. And I believe it should be the experience of the child of God to also have a life that is scattered with seasons where they get alone with their heavenly Father.

And I'm not talking about an hour in the morning now. It was one of the keys to the blessings in His life. One of the keys to the strength that He had and His ability to always hear the voice of the Father and do what the Father said.

I do believe that it's God's will that the church be filled with devout young men and women. It's God's will. And I realize we're lifting it up here, but I believe that there's grace in heaven that the church be filled with devout young men and women.

I studied that word devout. It's very interesting. It means one who takes hold well.

Well, I had to ponder that a little bit. Now, what does that mean? And a verse came to my mind right away out of the book of Isaiah where Isaiah was moaning the heart of God and where God said through Isaiah, I sought for a man and I couldn't find one. There was nobody who stirred himself up to take a hold of God.

And I thought, well, there's a beautiful picture of a devout young person. It's somebody who has the desire to take the time to stir themselves up to get a hold of God. A season alone with God.

What is a devout young person? It's a person who has a careful grasp of the presence and claims of God. Both. They know God and they know His Word.

It's a person who has the fear of God and the love of God mingled together through their life. A devout person is a person who has piety toward God. A sacred awe of God.

A devout person is one who has pious attitudes toward God. A devout young person is a person who is like Jesus. When I read about my Lord in the Gospels and I visualize in my mind the way He lived, the way He walked upon this earth, I see a devout man.

A man who lives a life of devotion unto God. A man who has a certain awe of God about Him all the time. A reverence for God.

A fear for God. A love for God about Him all the time. That doesn't happen overnight.

That doesn't happen with a little prayer. That doesn't happen in just a couple of weeks. It takes a heart that is willing to take the time and invest the time to get to know your God.

This happens through personal seasons alone with God. Now, this morning, I'm not discounting daily times of prayer. I'm not discounting that.

You know, that's good. You need to do that. But I also believe that your spiritual lives will be deepened tremendously if you'll learn to take seasons and be alone with God.

What a blessed testimony that would be, wouldn't it? Where's John this weekend? He didn't show up at the youth meeting. Oh, he's out in the cabin somewhere for the last two days. What a blessed testimony.

Many, many of God's servants would testify that their whole lives were made more effective through seasons alone with God. Many times, God reveals His will and His secrets of future work when you're alone with Him for a long period of time. One of the main reasons for taking a season and being alone with God is because there's so many voices, there's so much noise, there's so much activity, there's so many things that need to be done.

We have so much going through our minds to think about that we don't slow down long enough and get quiet long enough to hear some of the deep things that are on God's heart for us. In fact, I would recommend that you make no major decisions in your life without having a season alone with God before you make them. Don't do it.

Major decisions. Change jobs. Move to a different part of the country.

Take a trip to Africa. Choose a life partner. Major decisions in your life.

Don't do them without a season alone with God. Charles Finney, known by most as a great revivalist and preacher, he had 30 to 40 years of revival ministry in his lifetime. His testimony was that he maintained the revival fires in his own life by having seasons alone with God.

Here's how he would do it. He would just begin to sense that maybe the fire isn't quite burning like it should be in his own life. He would notice the effectiveness as he preached and ministered to people.

It wasn't quite what it was before. And he would just take two or three days off and nobody would see him. He'd be alone for two or three days and come back with a fire burning again so clearly in his heart and his ministry being effective again.

And he just continued his ministry for 30 or 40 years by doing that. Moses spent 40 days and 40 nights alone with God. Elijah spent three years alone with God.

Paul the Apostle was on the backside of the desert alone with God. I'm not sure how long he was there. I think it was about three years, but I'm not real sure.

Daniel spent 21 days alone with God. If you read the Psalms, you can tell that David spent much time alone with God. And Paul the Apostle spoke of many seasons alone with God in his life, in his ministry.

It's hard for young people to slow down. Isn't it? You're filled with energy. I mean, all of life is ahead of you.

You're just beginning to realize, hey, I have a life to live and it's going to be mine to live. I have decisions to make. Here's my options.

Here's this, here's that. What am I going to do? You've got lots of energy and it's real easy to fill your life up with activity. And if I may say it this way, many times young people lack the discernment that they need and they get the idea that activity counts and inactivity doesn't count.

But as you get older, you will find out that it doesn't always work that way. That inactivity or activity can be very empty and fruitless if you have no times of inactivity where the roots of your life go down. One of the blessings of going to Africa and one of the blessings of the youth going to Africa is that life slows down in Africa quite a bit compared to here.

I mean, it just does. The taxi is coming at 4 and he shows up at 5.30. You know? Things just don't click over there like they do here. But that's always been a blessing to me and I look forward to going to Africa.

That's where I get my rest. I get rejuvenated when I go to Africa because life slows down there and there's more time to be alone with God and it blesses my soul every time I go and I take a group of young people over there to watch and see how it affects their own lives when they don't have a lot of things going on and there's two hours in the morning to read the Bible and pray and a little bit in the afternoon they can go out

and just meditate by the seashore and ponder the things of God. Just to watch their lives and they deepen and they strengthen and it blesses them.

I know it does, every one of them because they slow down enough over there and put their mind on those eternal things and it changes their lives. Well, I know that if you try these things that I'm going to share with you today they will bless your life. I was thinking about it the other day and I think about it many times.

I love life. I just love living. There's a verse in Peter I think it's in 1st Peter that says, and they that will love life and then it gives a few things that you need to make sure you don't have in your life if you're going to love life.

Well, I was reading that one day and you know how the Holy Spirit takes just a couple of words and inspires them. Well, I came on that where it said love life. And I just said, God, that is my testimony.

I love life. Life is exciting. And I pondered that for a while.

Now, why do I love life so much? And I realized it was because I filled my life with things that God puts His blessing on. That means everything is a blessing. And that's what I'd like you to do.

I'd like you to learn to fill your life with the things that the God of Heaven is going to put His blessing on. And then I believe you'll fall in love with living. Being alive.

God makes it all beautiful. He makes it all beautiful. So here's what I'd like to do.

I want to share with you an outline of spending a day alone with God. Many people do not ever spend a day alone with God because they don't know how to do it. And some people have tried to spend a day alone with God, but they failed at it because they didn't know what to do.

It's one thing to just say, okay, I'm going to go spend a day with God. Well, just try it. Most of the time, young people, you're not going to get on your knees for six hours and then sit down at a Bible for another six hours and spend a day with God.

It won't work. It just won't work for most of you. But there are some things that you can do.

So we want to just meditate a little bit here today, and I'll give you a few things that will help you to spend a day alone with God. And we're going to go through one day, what I would recommend more than one day, a couple of days alone with God, like a Saturday or a Friday afternoon, Saturday, Sunday, something like that. Okay, first of all, a few helps for you.

Before you spend your day alone with God, you need to be well rested when you start. If you go into a day alone with God, worn out and tired, it's not going to be very fruitful for you. Your mind will be dull.

Your body will be tired. You'll find it easy to get sleepy. You'll kind of drum your way through an hour of Bible reading and you won't get anything out of it.

And it won't be fruitful. So make sure that you're well rested before you go into this. Number two, have a place to go where you will not be disturbed.

And even your room is fine as long as you've worked it out with the rest of the family that you're going to be there and no one's going to disturb you. No telephone to ring. Nobody to come and visit you.

No things that need to get done. You have nothing to do at all. You're in a place where no phone is going to ring.

You can just be alone with God. Number three, plan and schedule a specific time to do it where you'll have no interruptions. Plan it.

Look ahead. Look at your schedule. Look at schedules of those that are around you, the lives of those that are around you, and plan like a Saturday and a Sunday when you know there won't be any interruptions.

Schedule it and then aim for it. A few things you'll need to spend a day alone with God. You need a Bible.

You need a hymn book. You need a notebook where you can write down your thoughts and meditations. You need a concordance like what Brother Ross just was using up here.

I would recommend that you bring along with you a stirring devotional book. A book that will stir you. A book on revival.

A book on walking with God. A book on prayer. Something that will stir your heart devotionally.

You also need some sermons on cassette. Sermons that will stir you. Or, if you have a specific need that you'd like to deal with as you take a season alone with God, you find some sermons that will minister to that need that you're zeroing in on.

And lastly, you need an alarm clock. And one more thing you need. You need an empty stomach.

I'm not getting real strong on that one. Sometimes young people, they haven't fasted much, a whole day fasts, throws them off, gives them a headache, bellyache, all those kind of things. You surely won't have a sweet season alone with God if you have those kind of experiences.

But I would say this, even if you have to eat, make your eating very small so that your mind will be alert and your spirit will be more in tune with God. Because, see, that's what you're wanting to do. You want to get alone and have some communion with the God of Heaven.

You want to be able to hear His voice and understand His Word. And if your stomach is empty, your mind and your spirit will be more alert. And that's what you want.

Okay, now we're going to start. Number one. I'm just going to give you a schedule, an hour-by-hour schedule.

Number one. It's 5.30 in the morning. You're going to rise at 5.30. Take a bath or a shower and refresh yourself so that you're awake.

I mean, don't stay in your night clothes half of the day. Get up at 5.30. Go take a shower. Put on your clothes just like you're going out to meet somebody.

Like as if you've got something that needs to be done today. That's the mentality that you need to have. It's not a day to lounge around, you know, in your house coat or your robe or whatever.

You know, no. You've got something to do today. This is an important day.

Get up. Take a shower. Refresh yourself.

Comb your hair. And get ready to have a day with the Lord. Okay? At 6 a.m., begin with one hour of singing hymns and worshipping God.

One hour. You're going to get that hymn book out, and you're going to sing hymns. You're going to praise your Lord.

You're going to worship Him. You're going to sing another hymn. You're going to worship Him again.

You're going to praise Him. You're going to tell Him what a wonderful God He is. And you're going to spend this first hour just praising Him and thanking Him and singing these sweet songs with grace in your heart to the Lord.

You're going to spend a whole hour doing that. Hallelujah! What a blessing! Alright? Number three. We're at 7 a.m. now.

Then you're going to read your Bible. And for this first hour of reading the Bible, I'd like to recommend that you read it just to be blessed. You're not necessarily looking for something.

It's not an intellectual study. You're just going to read it to be blessed. Just to feed your soul.

The Psalms is a good place for you to do that and just spend an hour reading in the book of Psalms. Just reading to be blessed. Alright, next.

It's 8 a.m. You're going to have a season of earnest prayer. We're not going to say a lot about earnest prayer because we said something about it yesterday. But you're going to spend an hour of earnest prayer.

Praying about your own needs. Praying for the needs of others. Praying for souls.

Praying for the world. You're just going to spend an hour of earnest prayer. Bringing petitions before the Lord.

Okay? Now it's 9 a.m. You're going to reach over there and get that devotional book that you brought along. And you're going to sit and read in it. And let it stir your heart.

And if you brought the right kind of book along, it will do that. I recommend that to you. That can be a great help to personal inspiration in your life.

One of those kind of books that just stir you and challenge you and create a longing in your heart to know God better. Tozer's book, *The Pursuit of God*. I read that thing.

I've read it three or four times in my life, but I just picked it up again on the trip to Africa and read one chapter and my heart just longed, it just began to cry that I might know God better. There are books that were written, inspired by God, that men and women would write them so that they would stir the people of God to want to know God better. So you ought to read in that book for an hour.

Now it's 10 a.m. You're going to go for a walk with the Lord. It's 10 a.m. You're going to go for a walk. You're going to get some exercise.

You're not just going to sit there in one chair all day long. Go for a walk with the Lord. That's what I tell my children.

I'm going for a walk. Can I go along? No, you can't go along this time. I'm going for a walk with the Lord.

Somebody's already going along with me. And this walk with the Lord is just a time of general communion and meditation and prayer and just to enjoy God's creation as you're going for a walk. It's not a time of intensive prayer life or warfare or anything.

You're just going to go for a walk. You're going to enjoy the Lord. You're going to look at all that He's made.

You're going to have some fellowship with Him. Maybe you'll just be meditating. It's just a free hour of relaxation while you walk with the Lord.

Commune with Him. Okay? Now it's 11 a.m. You're going to go back to that room where you were and spend an hour in memorization and meditation of the Word of God. You find a passage of Scripture that you want to memorize and meditate upon.

And the reason why I say memorization and meditation is that I think it's very good that while you're memorizing the Word that you meditate upon it. As you're memorizing, you're taking it in and it's going in again and in again and in again. And if you'll do that out loud with the purpose of meditation, that it'll just blossom into a beautiful flower to you while you're memorizing it.

Okay? So you've done that for an hour. Now it's noon. And this schedule is set up without any food in it.

So you may have to change it a little bit. But now it's noon. And you're going to spend an hour listening to a stirring sermon.

Something that'll motivate you. Something that will stir you. Something that'll again create in you the posture, the heart attitudes that will encourage you to just continue on in this day alone with God.

Challenge your own Christian life. Whatever. You want to spend an hour listening to a stirring sermon.

Now we're at 1 p.m. At 1 p.m. you're going to rest for one hour. You've kept yourself awake. You've resisted the temptation maybe to get sleepy and fall asleep.

I mean, even if you had to stand up while you were reading or whatever, you've kept yourself awake. Now it's 1 o'clock. You're going to lay down for an hour and rest.

But you're going to set that alarm so that you don't go to sleep for three and wake up later. You set that alarm. You rest for one hour.

You've had your mind on lots of things. You've been thinking, meditating. You've been praying.

And you need to rest this mind of yours so you're going to lay down and rest for an hour. After you've rested for one hour, you're going to get up. It's 2 p.m. now.

And you're going to spend an hour singing hymns and worshipping God again. Just get that hymn book and enjoy yourself. Just enjoy singing with grace in your heart unto the Lord.

Just let your heart go up to the Lord. Do that for an hour. Now it's 3 p.m. You're going to go get your Bible again.

And you're going to study your Bible. Just like Brother Ross said, now we're going to dig. You've got a subject you want to study.

Open up the Bible. Take a passage and just start studying it. Comparing this verse with this one.

Tracing through the concordance. Looking at other verses that are somewhat like this verse. And you're going to spend an hour studying the Word of God.

Okay, now it's 4 p.m. You're done studying the Bible for an hour. You're going to have a season of earnest prayer again. This is time where you're on your knees or maybe if you're sleepy, you're walking back and forth in your room.

You're praying. You're praying earnestly. You're bringing your petitions before the Lord.

You're telling Him how you feel. You're sharing your needs before Him. Anything that God may have brought before your own heart, you're confessing those things.

You're getting your heart clean. It's a time of earnest prayer before the Lord. Next, it's 5 p.m. You're going to get that devotional book again and you're going to read in it.

Again, for an hour. 6 p.m. You're going to go for a walk with the Lord again. Two walks through this day.

Two enjoyable times. Diversion. You're going to go for a walk with the Lord.

where your mind is not all heavy on these things, but your mind is more free. You're relaxed. You're just going for a walk, getting some exercise.

The blood is pumping faster through your body. You're going to go for a walk, but it's a walk with the Lord. Okay? Next, you're going to spend an hour again in memorization and meditation.

Another hour of that. I don't know how all this is going down, but this sure is exciting to me. Glory.

Let's go. Let's go now. See? I'm almost 42.

Life is very busy. I hardly have time to do something like this. I'd love to do it.

Maybe you look at it and say, Oh, come on. That's just too much. But I look at it, and Brother Moses looks at it, and Brother John looks at it and says, Let's go.

So, take it from the ones who are looking at it from more of a real perspective. You need to develop these things in your life. Okay? So, we've had another hour of memorization and meditation.

Now, we're going to listen to another sermon. Another stirring sermon. Something that will challenge us.

Something that will rock us, shake us, make us face reality. Okay, now it's 9pm. You're going to have an hour of relaxation and general meditation where you sit down and just write and record and reflect on the day.

You have an hour there from 9 o'clock to 10 o'clock where you're just going to relax and reflect over the day, write down some of the thoughts that you've had, you know, keep some kind of a journal until 10 o'clock and then at 10 o'clock you're going to go to bed for a night of sweet sleep. Sweet sleep. Okay?

Now, the next morning, you're going to get up at 5.30 from 10 to 5.30. That's seven and a half hours.

You haven't been eating a lot of food. Seven and a half hours of sleep. If you haven't been eating a lot of food, you'll be well rested.

And then you're going to get up and start over with point number one and go all the way down through the day. Last winter, not this winter, but last winter while I was in Kenya, I had two different days that I was able to do this. Brother David had things that he needed to do and he just left me at my Tennessee shack, that's what I call it.

There was a shack there that I was staying in. It looks just like a Tennessee shack. Those of you that live in Tennessee, you know what I'm talking about.

It's got that Tennessee porch on it. It's just a straight roof and rough wood on the outside. But he left me there and I did this.

I mean, not this exact schedule that I've given you, but I spent two days doing this. I went for a walk. I spent an hour in prayer.

I spent an hour in the Word. I rested. I listened to a sermon.

I read a devotional book. I did that for the whole day. And then two days later, I had another opportunity to do it again.

And it is a rich blessing. I can't tell you what it will do for you. How it will fine-tune your spirit.

God's voice will come clear. God's will will be clear to you. Some of His plans and purposes for your life will come clear into view for you.

It will change your life. I know it will. Especially if you go into it with a fire in your heart.

If you don't, you'll come out with one in your heart. And the thing that inspired this whole little meditation that I've given you was a couple of young men. I guess it's a year and a half or so now.

They came to me, wanted to go to a Bible school. A couple of the young men here. And the Bible school was not a very good one.

As I evaluated it, there's a lot of lightheartedness there. A lot of goofing off. A lot of boys and girls that just go there looking for somebody to marry.

Chase the girls. And all those kind of things going on. And I told them, I just don't think you ought to go.

I don't think it's going to be a blessing for you. And I said to them, we realize we need to provide something for you young people so that you don't have to go away to some lighthearted Bible school in order to gain some of this. But I said, I don't see how we can do it for another year.

Well, now we're here at that time. But I did tell them this. I said, well, I'll tell you what you do.

You young men, you two young men, you just go and find yourself a cabin for a week. And you just get along with God there. And I just told them, bring some sermons along and get your Bibles and bring some devotional books along and just spend the days praying, reading your Bible, going for walks, and

meditating, memorizing the Word.

You just spend your days doing that. Have your own Bible school. And I told them to do that.

And I didn't know if they'd do it or not. I made the recommendation. Sure enough, they picked up on that thing and went off and did it.

They came back on Saturday evening and I was in here in the study preparing for the sermon for Sunday morning and these two fellows come in there. I mean, they were so excited. They were just like this, you know.

Brother Denny, can we talk to you? You got a few minutes? Yeah, sure. Come on in. And they sat in the study.

And you know what they did? They just bubbled over for about an hour. And God told us this. And the Lord filled me with the Holy Spirit.

And this happened and that happened. It was just a blessing. I sat there and I watched these two young men and I thought, now that's Bible school.

And you know, they came out of that thing and they were so excited. God's real! He's real! They kept saying that, you know. Well, young people, He is real! And He's exciting! He's worth serving.

He's worth loving. But you've got to know Him, or you'll never say He's real. And when you start getting a glimpse of the reality that God is real, and He's a person, and He'll come and talk to you, and He'll draw close to you, and inspire you, and challenge you, and give you direction, your Christian life, it'll be exciting.

And you'll say, I just love life! Life is exciting! Now, I want to say this. You don't have to follow my outline. You can make up your own.

You can change some of it. But the whole purpose of it was to help you to see that by just putting some diversion in there, you can spend a whole beautiful day alone with the Lord. And it won't be boring to you.

You won't fall asleep in the middle of it and have a failure. It will be a success, and it'll be a blessing to your life. And once you do it, I mean, I think young men, but I should say all of you, but especially you young men, you're preparing for a real life.

You ought to do it once a month. I know preachers that do it once a week. One day a week.

They go where there's no telephones, there's no schedules, there's no voices hollering at them of things they need to do, and they just lock the door and they stay in there the whole day. They do it once a week. Do you think they have an effective ministry? Do you think God uses them? He does.

So, I'm trusting the leading of the Lord that this little outline here put handles on it for you. And you can see, hey, I could do that. See, a lot of times young people, they think to spend a day alone with God, I could never do that.

But I think you can look at this and say, hey, I could do that. I can read my Bible for an hour. I can memorize for an hour.

I can listen to a sermon for an hour. I can spend one hour in prayer. I can't pray all night, but I could spend an hour in prayer.

And that is my desire, that it just stimulate your hearts, your desires, and you'll come up with a creative way that you can do some of these kinds of things in your life. And I'll tell you what it'll do for you. It'll make you devout young men and women.

You'll be devout. You'll know your God. And when you know your God, you'll be devout.

Alright. I think that's all. We'll be dismissed then until... Well, let's make it a little bit before 10 after.

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