

Christians today are busy.
Some are busy serving God.
Some are simply busy.

And it seems we have little time for what used to be called *the devotional life*.

Of course, if we analyze our use of time carefully, most of us are going to find a great deal of our so-called discretionary time is in fact wasted, or in some instances even used hurtfully.

WHERE DOES YOUR TIME GO?

TV is always the first to get attacked by the opponents of wasted time — But is this really so unfair?

Most of the fifteen to twenty hours a week you may spend with your TV set is for sheer entertainment or relaxation. And it is a very fair question whether you really come away more relaxed and rested — or whether in fact you may sometimes not come away quite hyper and unrelaxed.

And what about the actually hurtful content you absorb — swearing, lying, cheating, stealing, blasphemy, lust, murder, adultery, homosexuality and more?

Now, my friend, do these draw you on to God? Do they not in fact draw you away from Him?

But my purpose here is not to attack television but to demonstrate that your *excuse* that you haven't time to wait on God in private devotions is simply "*the skin of a reason stuffed with a lie.*"

You do have time. You simply don't want to take it. I know. For years, although a minister of the gospel, I was probably more guilty than you are now. And my spiritual life suffered as a result.

God forgive me!

My dear friend, "*to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace*" (Romans 8:6).

HOW TO DEVELOP YOUR SPIRITUAL MINDEDNESS

And the only way to become spiritually minded is to "*worship God in the spirit*" (John 4:23, 24; Phil. 3:3).

Now you do not *maybe* worship God in the spirit. You either worship God in the spirit or you don't worship God in the spirit.

And, if you want "*life and peace*" in the Lord, then you *need* to develop your "spiritual mindedness" by spending time alone in a private devotional life worshipping God in the spirit.

Now, by this I do not mean spending five minutes reading your Bible and five or ten in presenting God your grocery list of demands or your worry list of fears. I mean just setting aside your worries and fears and needs and entering His Presence in rest and peace, there to love Him and worship Him and wait on Him to reveal Himself to you.

NEVER GIVE UP!

And I mean not giving up, even if it takes you, as it has many of us, many, many hours seeking Him alone over the course of several years to begin to develop a satisfactory communion with the Lord.

This is serious business. You've been serious about feeding the flesh all your life. Isn't it time you got serious about seeking God?

Get hungry for Him. Get thirsty for Him. Set aside the best time of every day to seek after Him Who says, "Ye shall seek me and find me when ye shall search for me with all your heart" (Jer. 29:13).

—Ron Marr

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