

Prayer List

Names of God

Attributes of God

God's blessings to thank Him for

Sins to confess

Family members & needs

Fellow-believers & needs

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1	11
2	12
3	13
4	14
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6	16
7	17
8	18
9	19
10	20

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My Time



With God

A Devotional Plan (1)

Relationships require time. Every relationship that will last requires an investment of time. It requires time to talk, to listen, to discover and to learn. Your relationship with God requires time as well.

Communication is a two way street.
We talk to God through prayer.
God talks with us through His written Word, the Bible.

Prayer

We come to God in prayer to communicate our hearts deepest concerns. We express our love to God in words of worship. We ask God for wisdom and strength to do His will. But in order to know and do His will, we must study His Word.

Bible Study

It is important for us to develop **a disciplined habit** of daily Bible reading and study. Your knowledge of God will grow rapidly as you spend time with Him in prayer and Bible study.

Select a time of day that you can read your Bible and stay consistent with. Write down your appointment time with God: _____

Select a location where you can read and write and not be distracted. Write down where you will keep your appointment with God: _____

Begin with **1st John**.

Read slowly and carefully.

Your goal is to understand what you are reading.

Put a question mark next to verses you don't understand.

Ask your discipler about them when you meet.

God Sightings

God is at work all around you! He is at work in you, in your family, and literally everywhere!

We often miss evidences of His working (God sightings) because we are not looking for them or because we misinterpret our daily experiences.

Read Philippians 1 and take note of how Paul saw God at work (God sightings) in his extremely depressing circumstances. He was in prison and in danger of imminent death. Yet, he saw God at work all around him.

List some of Paul's God-sightings in Philippians.

List some of your God sightings this week and be ready to share them when we get together again.

Day 5 _____ Memory Verse(s) _____

Chapter: _____

COMMAND, CHOICE, CONSEQUENCE

Ask yourself...

WHAT? *What does it say? Put it in your own words. Summarize it.*

SO WHAT? *What does it mean? What's the main point?*

NOW WHAT? *What do I do about it? How do I need to change what I believe, what I am doing or not doing or how I am living?*

Look for the following as you read, and write them down in your journal.

- 1) **God** . Who He is, what He is like, what He does
- 2) **Man** . Who we are, what we are like, what we do
- 3) **Sin** . What does God not want us to do
- 4) **Promise/Principle** . what promises does God make; to whom; and what do we learn from God's promises
- 5) **Command/Choice/Consequence** . what commands does God give us; what choices are we faced with; what consequences will result from those choices

Pray it back to God: write out two short prayers based on what you've discovered.

Lord, thank You...

(for whatever you've discovered that is important to you)

Lord, please help me...

(ask Him to help you obey what you've learned)

The following sample from 1 John chapter 1 is provided. Be patient with yourself. We all learn at different levels and speeds. God will teach you if you humbly ask Him and patiently learn to read and obey His Word.

Lord, thank you

Lord, please

Bible Reading Journal Sample

Passage: 1 John 1:1-10 Memory Verse: 1 John 1:5
(What? So What? Now What?)

God . Christ is eternal, and revealed to us in flesh & blood

Man . I am a sinner; self deceived; in need of forgiveness

Sin . I may say I follow God, but my life is the real test . If I think I do not sin, I am only deceiving myself. I cannot be forgiven unless I repent and admit my sin to God.

Promise/Principle . Christ came to bring me life, joy and forgiveness. I can only experience that if I come to Him and confess my sin and claim His forgiveness. God promises to forgive me if I confess my sin, repent and ask His forgiveness. God is still righteous in forgiving me based on Christ's death in my place.

Command/Choice/Consequence . I can choose to harden my heart and refuse to admit my sin. But I will remain without joy or forgiveness. I can choose to repent and confess my sin and receive the cleansing and joy that Christ gives. It is really stupid to be self-deceived, self-righteous, and self-willed.

Lord, thank You for coming to bring me forgiveness at so high a cost. You are so full of grace. I am amazed that you would become human, to die for my forgiveness. I praise You!

Lord, please show me my sin. I don't want to live a life of self-deception. I am so thankful for Your cleansing blood. I admit my pride, my lustful thoughts, my critical spirit, my selfishness. Forgive and cleanse me through Your blood shed for me. Let me see Your holiness so I can see myself as I should. I long to see You, touch You, hear Your voice. I thank You that I soon will behold You as you are.

Day 4 _____ Memory Verse(s) _____

Chapter : _____

PROMISE, PRINCIPLE

Lord, thank you

Lord, please

Day 3 _____ Memory Verse(s) _____

Chapter : _____

SIN:

Lord, thank you

Lord, please

Our plan for the next five weeks

Book . 1 John

5 Week Memory goal . 1 John 1:5-2:2

Week 1 . First John chapter 1 all week

Read 1 John chapter 1 each week day (Mon-Fri).

Memorize 1 John 1:5

Day 1: Pray; humble your heart in confession, asking God to open your understanding of His Word and to teach You by His Spirit. Then read 1 John chapter 1 slowly, out loud. Then, starting with verse 1, write in your journal everything you see about God. Write down any observations or questions on what you see. Finally, write out two prayers: One of thanksgiving and one of supplication.

Day 2: Pray; use the same method again in chapter 1, searching and writing down your discoveries about man (yourself). Write down additional thoughts and two prayers.

Day 3-5

Same method for Wed. Observations on Sin.

Same method for Thurs. Promise/Principle.

Same method for Fri Command/Choice/Consequence.

Weekend

Sometime either Sat or Sun, sit down and read the entire book of 1 John at one sitting. You do not need to journal on the weekend, although you certainly can if you want to.

Next Monday, repeat the same process all week with 1 John chapter 2.

We begin the small group with scripture memory review, opening prayer, scripture discovery as we look over our journals together, share God-sightings, and look for ways to grow in the coming week.

Day 1 _____ Memory Verse(s) _____

Chapter : _____

GOD:

Day 2 _____ Memory Verse(s) _____

Chapter : _____

MAN:

Lord, thank you

Lord, please

Lord, thank you

Lord, please