

THE DAILY DUTIES OF BELIEVERS

Introduction

Quiet Time is the heart of our personal walk with God and the only means by which the life of God flows into our hearts (Amos 5:4). A believer who does not build a functional devotion of time spent in the presence of God will soon find that his spirit will quickly become dry. The quiet time cannot be replaced with secular or religious activities without grave consequences for one's soul (Prov. 8:17). If you want the life of God to increase in your mortal body, you have to ensure that the devil does not occupy your day with cares and indulgences. Once the Lord is squeezed out of your day, the life of God will be squeezed out of your heart.

In this discussion, we shall look into the Scripture to learn the daily duties mandated for every believer and how these duties feed into our relationship with God.

Thirst for God

The starting point is **thirst for God** (Ps. 42:2; Ps. 63:1). The regularity and consistency of our quiet time is rooted in what is in our hearts. The Psalmist screamed, "**You are MY God...**" (Ps. 63:1) and subsequently, as a result of that longing, he said "**EARLY will I seek thee**". Our daily responsibility to practise the presence of God becomes easy when there is a deep longing for the Lord.

Daily Duties

There are seven important activities every believer is mandated by the Lord to observe. We are asked by the Lord to perform these duties not out of law but out of love. These duties are:

1. Reading and meditating upon the word of God (Josh. 1:8; Psa. 1:2-3; 119:97)
2. Praising and worshipping God (Ps. 61:8; 84:4; Luke 24:51-53)
3. Ceaseless praying in private (Luke 18:1; 1 Thess. 5:17; Eph. 6:18; Col. 4:2)
4. Exhorting one another (Heb. 3:13; 10:25) – *including witnessing or evangelism.*
5. Watching and watchfulness (Acts 20:28-31; Matt. 24:42; 26:41; 1 Pet. 4:7)
6. Carrying the cross (Luke 9:23; Matt. 10:38) – *the cross is the gospel. We carry the cross when we practise the bible in our daily dealings with people.*
7. Speaking in tongues (1 Cor. 14:18) – *this is at three levels; speaking in tongues (1 Cor. 14:4), praying in tongues (1 Cor. 14:14), singing in tongues (1 Cor. 14:15).*

Brief Discussion

How is your personal devotion? Is it effective? What are the problems and challenges you have faced and how have you overcome them?

Conclusion

This is the bedrock of effective Christian living. You must take your daily duties to God seriously as they have a direct impact on the quality of your Christianity. May the Lord help you in Jesus name. Let us pray.