

# SPENDING TIME WITH GOD

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How often do you spend time with your Bible during the week? Every week has 168 hours in it. What is the average time spent in reading or studying God's word? Do we just pick it up on Sunday and Wednesday? Many people tell me they want to spend more time with their Bible, but it just doesn't seem to happen. Maybe the problem is we don't understand the true value of God's book. Consider ...

"Oh, that my ways were directed to keep your statutes! Then I would not be ashamed, when I looked into all your commandments." {Psalm 119:5,6} Could it be we are afraid to learn more about God's word because we may have to make some changes in our lives? Changes we rather would not make!

"How can a young man cleanse his ways?" By taking heed according to your word." {Psalm 119:9} Maybe our desire is not to "clean up" our lives. Do you seek to live a pure life before your Maker? Do you have a desire for more spiritual knowledge?

"Open my eyes, that I might see wondrous things from your law. " {Psalm 119:18} Do we seek God's law to help "open our eyes" to the spiritual truths contained in this law allowing us to be more like our Master?

"I have chosen the ways of truth; your judgments I have laid before me. " {Psalm 119:30} Do you choose each day to walk according to the judgments contained in God's book?

"But Simon Peter answered Him, 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.'" {John 6:67,68} Do we understand that the words of Christ are the source of eternal life? If one ever hopes to gain heaven he or she must consider the words of Christ in order to be found pleasing in the last day.

The Bible also tells us in John 12:48, that these words will judge us in the last day. How valuable is this wonderful book? It will be the standard our Lord will use to measure our worth in the last day. Maybe we better make time to find out! \*\*\*