

## THE NECESSITY FOR A DEVOTIONAL TIME

Mk.1:35, Ps.5:3 AMP, TPT, CEV

Devotional time is a dedicated time, first thing, early in the morning, when we arise in order to appear in the Lord's presence, in order to worship Him, to praise Him, to thank Him, to ask for cleansing & forgiveness and also to talk to Him in order to put Him first in our lives & to put all that concerns us in this day into His hands.

### a). What Devotional Time Consists Of...

i). Devotional time is a dedicated time, first thing, early in the morning (Mk.1:35, Ps.63:1, Ps.5:3 AMPC, Ps.59:16, Isa.50:4, Ps.84:7)

ii). We arise in order to appear in the Lord's presence (Gen.19:27, Heb.4:14-16, Ps.16:11)

iii). We arise in order to worship Him (Gen.12:7-8; Gen.13:3-4, 16-18)

iv). We arise in order to praise Him (2Sam.22:4, Ps.96:1, 6)

v). We arise in order to thank Him (Ps.77:11-12, Ps.50:14-15 )

vi). We arise in order to ask for cleansing & forgiveness (Ps.130:3-6 AMPC, Ps.143:2, Ps.51:7, Prov.28:13, 1Jn.1:5-10)

vii). We arise in order to talk to Him about everything (Isa.55:6, Matt.7:7, Phil.4:6)

viii). We arise in order to put Him first in our lives (Ex.20:1-3, 1Jn.5:21 AMPC; Col.1:18)

ix). We arise in order to put all that concerns us in this day into His hands (1Pet.5:7, Phil.4:6-7, Matt.7:7-11).

### b). Why Most People Don't Wake Up Early In The Morning

i). Lack of understanding of its importance (Ps.27:8 AMP, EE; Ps.105:4, Matt.11:28-29 AMP, MSG)

- ii). Love of much sleep (Prov.26:14, Prov.6:9-11, Prov.24:33)
- iii). Watching movies on TV/phones/tablet late into the night (Eccl.3:1-8; Eph.5:15-16)
- iv). Eating heavy or large quantities food at night (Eccl.10:16-17, )
- v). Indolence (Eccl.10:18, Prov.19:15)