

## Daily

*These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so. – Acts 17:11*

We were created to live a twenty-four-hour cycle. In the beginning, when Jehovah made the heavens and the earth, He did so within the framework of the same. We are told repeatedly, “And the evening and the morning were the first (and second through sixth) day” (Gen. 1:5, 8, 13, 19, 23, 31). The repetition of the daily sequence permits us to anticipate, plan, work, rest, accomplish, re-energize, etc. There are many important things that transpire in our lives during each of earth’s millennia-long reliable rotations. It is therefore vital for us to learn an important spiritual lesson from the Bereans whom the Spirit denominated as “noble” – that they made their spiritual well-being a daily (not periodic, not weekly, not sporadic – but regular and daily) exercise. Let us meditate upon the advantages of daily spiritual focus.

We should pray daily. “Evening, and morning, and at noon will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice.” (Psalm 55:17) Imagine not speaking to our loved ones daily if the opportunity was so afforded us. Why would we do such a thing? Daily communication builds relationships. Neglecting it is indicative of a heart that desires isolation to its own detriment. What a blessing that we can reach Heaven on a daily basis.

We ought to rejoice spiritually every day (Psalm 65:8). There is much in a cursed world that can tend to depress us and cause our spirits to be cast down. But Jesus gave us His joy that ours might always be full (John 15:11). As God’s people, there is no reason for the long countenance or the Eeyore disposition. A deep and abiding joy is a well from which we can draw daily – and we are fools if refuse to do so!

Spiritually astute believers understand that they need fellowship daily. The early church knew this to be so, for they continued “daily with one accord in the temple, and in breaking bread from house to house...” (Acts 2:46). If our interaction with fellow believers is reserved to one to a few times a week, we will be stunted in our spiritual development and usefulness. Daily fellowship is a recipe for growing in grace and the knowledge of our Lord Jesus.

Our witness should be a daily exercise as well. The early gospel believers ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ every single day (Acts 5:42). Who did we speak to for our Lord yesterday? To whom did we bring the salve of the peace of the gospel within the last twenty-four hours?

We must search the scriptures daily, as our launching text in Acts 17:11 tells us. The Word of God must not sit unopened and unmined for more than a day’s time. Job esteemed the words of God’s mouth more than his necessary food (Job 23:12). We are wise to do the same. Is there something more important? It cannot possibly be. Daily Bible consumption is the cornerstone of the spiritual life.

While it is called today, let us exhort one another (Hebrews 3:13) and ensure that our hearts are enamored with our wonderful Master. May we find His blessing as we seek His countenance today.

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