

ALL TO THE GLORY: PERSONAL DEVOTIONS



Whatever you do, do it all to the glory
of God. *1 Corinthians 10:31*

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WHY IS A DEVOTIONAL LIFE IMPORTANT?

Our personal relationship with God is more important than any other relationship we have. It can be harder to maintain, though, because two-way communication (the foundation for any healthy relationship) is a little more complicated with someone you can't text, call, message, write to, or FaceTime. God has chosen only one means of communication with his church today: the Bible. He *could* speak to us in any way he wants, and he is always with us even if we can't hear or see him, but he has already told us everything we need to know about him on this side of Heaven in his Word.

Our personal devotional life is how we spend time with God outside of what we call corporate worship (church services). Attending worship is definitely important to our relationship with God, but it's more like a group date. At some point, you need to spend time one-on-one, if you've been together for decades. Your devotional life is how you do that with God.

HOW DO I START?

Find a time that works for you and a resource that helps you connect with God's word. Like any habit, a regular time and place helps you stay with it. People do their devotions over their breakfast or morning coffee, on their lunch break, before bed. Depending on your resource, you may only need a few minutes and you might be able to listen to it as you drive to work. Family devotions are important too. We want our kids to

OUR PRAYER for our devotional lives:

Heavenly Father, thank you for coming to us in your word. Help us desire to know you more, and give us the energy to pursue that knowledge. Amen

grow up knowing that faith is for everywhere and all the time, not just church or school. Turn this page over for different options to explore! If you try one and it doesn't work for you, try another! Everyone's needs and preferences are different.

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DEVOTIONAL RESOURCES


These resources run the gamut from bite-size to long and chewy, surface-level to deep strata excavations, online or print, read or listen, and take-it-in or participate.


PERSONAL DEVOTIONS


 **Mediations** booklets have daily, 5-minute devotions. Each week is written by a different WELS pastor. Available in the fellowship hall, suggested \$5 donation. *Easy to mid-level*


 **WELS Daily Devotions** at wels.net . Read on your device or listen. Shorter than Meditations. *Easy*

 **WELS podcasts** at forwardinchrist.net/series/welspodcasts/ . There are several options by different casters and at different lengths and difficulty levels. *Easy to advanced depending on the podcast*

 **Time of Grace** offers online written and video devotions on various topics at timeofgrace.org . Written devotions are comparable to WELS Daily Devotions in length and difficulty. *Easy*

 **Women's Ministry** at wm.welsrc.net has Bible studies and devotions to download and read or work through, on your own or with others. *Mid- to advanced*

 **Northwestern Publishing House** has many, many devotional resources on their website: online.nph.net


 *Suggested books that can be broken down into devotion-length reads, available in our church library:*


Theology of the Cross by Daniel Deutschlander *mid- to advanced*

Prepared to Answer by Mark Paustian *mid-level*

People's Bible Series takes deep dives into each book of the Bible *mid- to advanced*

FAMILY DEVOTIONS

 **The Story Bible** is massive but has beautiful pictures and breaks Bible stories into readable lengths for kids ages 8-14.

 **Little Visits with God** features stories about the daily lives of faith of kids and families, ages 6-12.

 **The Adventure Bible Book of Devotions** offers 365 daily devotions for kids ages 9-12.

 **Lent and Advent series** from the Haasch family, ages 3+.

 Audio available

 Book form only

 Audio ONLY

 Printed available on request
Ask Pastor to print specific series