

21 Ways to *Spice Up* your devotions

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MAKE SURE YOU HAVE AN EASY-TO-READ AND EASY-TO-UNDERSTAND BIBLE YOU CAN USE FOR YOUR DEVOTIONS. A FEW OF THE VERSION YOU MIGHT LOOK FOR: NIV, NASB, NKJV, OR NLT.

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CHOOSE A PLACE TO HAVE YOUR DEVOTIONS. PICK A PLACE THAT IS QUIET AND AWAY FROM DISTRACTIONS. GATHER YOUR BIBLE, NOTEBOOK, PEN, AND OTHER MATERIALS TOGETHER SO THEY WILL ALL BE IN ONE PLACE.

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PURCHASE A NOTEBOOK OR JOURNAL AND BEGIN TO WRITE DOWN YOUR PRAYERS, THOUGHTS, AND THE THINGS GOD IS TEACHING YOU.

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DECIDE ON A TIME TO HAVE YOUR DEVOTIONS. TRY TO PICK A TIME WHEN YOU WILL BE ALERT AND ABLE TO BE CONSISTENT. MANY PEOPLE FIND EARLY MORNING WITH A CUP OF COFFEE PREFERABLE.

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FOR BIBLE STUDY, TRY THE "TASTE AND SEE METHOD." TURN TO JOSHUA 1:1-10. READ THE VERSES. THEN ANSWER THESE 3 QUESTIONS: 1) WHAT DID IT MEAN THEN? 2) WHAT DOES IT MEAN NOW? 3) WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO ME PERSONALLY?

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START READING THROUGH THE PSALMS A FEW VERSES AT A TIME. START IN PSALM 1. GO THROUGH THE ENTIRE BOOK. EACH DAY, WRITE DOWN ONE TRUTH OR PRINCIPLE YOU GAINED FROM YOUR STUDY. MANY DAYS, YOU WILL ONLY READ 2-3 VERSES.

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TRY A WORD SEARCH STUDY. GO TO THE BACK OF THE BIBLE AND USE THE CONCORDANCE. LOOK UP A WORD LIKE, "AWESOME." LOCATE EACH PLACE IT IS MENTIONED IN THE BIBLE. TURN TO THAT PLACE AND READ THE VERSE. WRITE DOWN WHAT YOU LEARN FROM THIS SEARCH.

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READ A VERSE IN SEVERAL TRANSLATIONS. FOR EXAMPLE, LOOK UP PROVERBS 3:5-6 IN YOUR REGULAR BIBLE. READ THE VERSES. NOW GO TO WWW.BIBLEGATEWAY.COM AND READ THESE VERSES IN SEVERAL TRANSLATIONS. LOOK AT THE WORDING AND SLIGHT VARIATIONS. WRITE DOWN WHAT YOU OBSERVE.

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FOR YOUR BIBLE STUDY, MAKE A LIST OF WHAT YOU READ. FOR EXAMPLE, TURN TO ROMANS 12:9-21. READ THESE VERSES. THEN, LIST OUT ALL OF THE TRAITS IN THE PASSAGE. READ BACK OVER YOUR LIST. WHAT 1-2 TRAITS WOULD YOU LIKE TO FOCUS ON TODAY FROM YOUR LIST?

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TRY READING A VERY SHORT PASSAGE OF SCRIPTURE AND REALLY FOCUSING IN ON WHAT IS BEING SAID. TURN TO LAMENTATIONS 3:22-23. READ IT OVER SEVERAL TIMES. THEN TAKE EACH WORD AND CONSIDER IT. WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO YOU THROUGH THESE VERSES?

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GET A NEW DEVOTIONAL BOOK THAT YOU CAN READ EACH MORNING. YOU MIGHT LOOK FOR A BELOVED CLASSIC LIKE "STREAMS IN THE DESERT," OR "MY UTMOST FOR HIS HIGHEST."

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HAVE DEVOTIONS SENT TO YOUR MOBILE DEVICE EACH MORNING. YOU CAN GO TO WWW.CROSSWALK.COM FOR THESE. LOOK UNDER "DEVOTIONALS." THESE ARE FREE AND WONDERFUL!

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GO OUTSIDE FOR YOUR DEVOTIONS. TAKE A WALK OR JUST SIT OUTSIDE. LOOK AROUND AT NATURE AND THANK GOD FOR THE BEAUTY OF HIS CREATION.

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TURN ON PRAISE MUSIC AND SING OR HUM ALONG. DON'T READ. DON'T STUDY. JUST ENJOY A TIME OF WORSHIP WITH THE LORD THROUGH MUSIC.

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PRAISE GOD BY USING THE ALPHABET. FOR EACH LETTER, THINK OF ONE ATTRIBUTE FOR WHICH YOU CAN PRAISE GOD. FOR EXAMPLE, "A" IS FOR AWESOME, AMAZING, ABLE. "B" IS FOR BLESSED, BEAUTIFUL, BIG. (CONTINUE THROUGH THE ALPHABET PRAISING GOD.)

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TAKE TIME FOR CONFESSION. ON A BLANK PIECE OF PAPER, INVITE THE HOLY SPIRIT TO REVEAL TO YOU ANYTHING YOU NEED TO CONFESS... ACTIONS, ATTITUDES, REACTIONS, THOUGHTS. CONFESS THESE TO THE LORD. THEN, TEAR UP THE PAPER AND THROW IT AWAY. (1 JOHN 1:9)

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MAKE A HUGE "THANK YOU" LIST TO THE LORD. WRITE DOWN EVERY THING, PERSON, GIFT, AND ITEM YOU ARE THANKFUL FOR. (GET CREATIVE!) THEN, GO BACK THROUGH THESE AND THANK THE LORD. (PSALM 107:1)

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PRAY TODAY FOR THOSE PEOPLE IN YOUR LIFE WHO CHALLENGE YOU, BOTHER YOU, OR DRIVE YOU CRAZY. LIFT EACH PERSON TO THE LORD AND ASK HIM TO GIVE YOU MORE GRACE WITH THEM. PRAYING FOR THEM WILL HELP YOU TO LOVE THEM MORE. (LUKE 6:27-36)

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CREATE A LIST OF FRIENDS, FAMILY MEMBERS, NEIGHBORS, AND CO-WORKERS YOU CAN PRAY FOR. LIFT THEM UP BY NAME WITH A PRAYER LIKE, "FATHER, ENCOURAGE TODAY. FILL HIS/HER HEART WITH PEACE, WITH HOPE, AND WITH A DEEPER TRUST IN YOU."

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TAKE TIME TO WRITE OUT SOME OF YOUR OWN PRAYER REQUESTS. DATE THE REQUEST. BE SPECIFIC. THEN, MENTION THE REQUEST TO THE LORD. (LATER, LOOK BACK AND SEE HOW GOD HAS ANSWERED YOUR PRAYERS.)

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BE STILL IN THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD. THIS ONE IS SO HARD TO DO, BUT THERE IS SUCH SWEETNESS IN WAITING QUIETLY BEFORE THE LORD.

BREATHE DEEPLY. ASK GOD TO SPEAK TO YOUR HEART AS YOU WAIT BEFORE HIM.

PSALM 37:7 - "BE STILL IN THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD, AND WAIT PATIENTLY FOR HIM TO ACT."

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