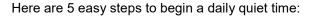
BETWEEN 6:00 AM-9:00 AM: NO BIBLE NO BREAKFAST

At the outbreak of the pandemic, our family started a new policy, "No Bible, No Breakfast" In the beginning, the boys didn't want to do that. Later, they had to compromise since my wife and I were standing firm. In order to help our kids follow the policy, we as parents have to be a good example for them to read the Bible passionately. Last week, we read that Abraham told Lot that they should not fight against each other since they are brothers. My son, Daniel, told me that he will seek peace with his elder brother for the sake of God's commandment. Only God's words can wake up a person's heart.



<u>Place</u>: Pick a specific place where you'll be every day for your quiet time. The more routine you can make this the better. It should be as free of distractions as possible. This place will soon become very comfortable to you.

Schedule time: Pick a reasonable amount of time and put it on your schedule. If you use an electronic calendar like I do, you can set it to repeat the appointment everyday. Start with 10 minutes. The key at this point is consistency, so make sure you don't burden yourself with something you will not do.

<u>Format</u>: Decide basically how you will structure your quiet time. You may ask first what you hope to achieve and base your format around that. If developing intimacy with God in prayer is your goal then certainly choose to spend more time in prayer.

<u>Discipline</u>: Commit to doing something consistently for at least 30 days. Every day... without exception... do it... whether you "feel" like it or not. If you miss the exact time, make it up later in the day. Again, it will require sacrifice. Habits and lifestyles form this way and you'll need this discipline, because as soon as you attempt this dozens of obstacles will stand in your way.





Pray for others

There are so many people in our lives who need our prayer. When we pray for them, we join God in His work in their lives. In Philippians, Paul reminds us to put others ahead of our needs and to consider the needs of others more important than our own. Although our nature is to do the opposite, we should be more humble to pray for others earnestly instead. In this way, we can share the burdens of others.

When we pray for others, we also join the ministry of reconciliation. The reconciliation between sinful man and holy God, or between human and human. It is easy to tell others what to do but they won't change until you pray for them continuously.

When we pray for others, we also begin to change. As Pastor Oswald Chambers wrote, "Prayer is not a matter of changing things externally, but one of working miracles in a person's inner nature."

"The world always need one more Brave Prayer!"

Psalm 51:1-2

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love, according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

BETWEEN 9:00 AM-12:00 PM: GOOD SAMARITAN

When Jesus answered people on how to love your neighbor, he told them a story of A Good Samaritan. Jesus would like us to love everyone that God places in our life. We offer help without any expectation on return, but for God's glory.

A Swing Boy

Last Saturday, I took my two boys to a park as they love playing swing. Next to my Daniel, there was a little boy, 5 years old, sitting on the swing but calling his dad to push him. However, his dad was 10 meters away, busy taking care of the younger sister and couldn't come over, so he asked the boy to swing by himself. The boy looked so disappointed since he could not swing up and down by himself. With a moment of hesitation, I walked to his dad. "Excuse me sir, do you mind if I push your boy on the swing?" I asked. "I don't mind, go ahead", his dad replied immediately.

With his dad's permission, I approached the young boy. "Hello, young man, your dad (I mean Father God) sent me to push you, may I?" I offered a favor. He was so surprised and noded his head immediately. "How many pushes do you need?" I added. "30," he answered joyfully. As soon as I pushed him, the boy began to show his beautiful smile. With the sunshine behind him, it looked like a heavenly smile, which gave me strength to push him with full power. Later, his dad brought his younger sister over. His dad looked quite happy to see a nice man helping his son out. His face also appeared with a smile instead of tiredness of taking care of two kids by himself. "One swing push brings two people back to God's care and love," What a lovely Saturday in Jesus!



BETWEEN 12:00 PM-3:00 PM: GREAT COMMITMENT



Marriage is always a good news

On Monday morning, I received a call from my brother Steve who told me the good news that his eldest son is going to get married this September and his future daughter-in-law is also a Christian from a devoted Christian family. "What a blessing!" I congratulated my brother Steve joyfully. The meaning of marriage for Christians is to start a journey of sacrificing, self denying and carrying the cross together. There is no perfect marriage until you learn how to die to yourself. Be submissive to each other and love each other unconditionally.

We will look into our own marriage and pray for our spouse, pray for our son or son-in-law, daughter or daughter-in-law, pray for our parents or step parents, pray for their marriages since there are many temptations in this world to attack marriage. Marriage is holy and established by God and we should always defend a holy marriage.

BETWEEN 3:00 PM—4:00 PM: Join the Joel Moment Prayer Gathering. Go to Zoom.com and enter Meeting ID and Password.

BETWEEN 7:00 PM—8:00 PM: Join the Joel Moment Prayer Gathering. Go to Zoom.com and enter Meeting and Password.



3:00 PM Prayer Gathering

Gil Stieglitz [He would like to share with us the tips of leading a wonderful marriage.]

Dr. Gil is a prolific author, engaging speaker, change directing catalyst, encouraging pastor, dynamic professor, insightful counselor and relentless leadership coach. He now serves as Discipleship Pastor at Bayside Church, a dynamic multi-site church on the Northside of Sacramento, CA and as president of Principles to Live By a parachurch organization committed to causing as many people as possible to live by God's amazing principles. He and his wife Dana enjoy a ridiculously delightful life in Northern California.



1 Peter 3:7

Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.

7:00 PM Prayer Gathering

Ken Lalman [A US Missionary in China for more than 20 years]

Pastor Ken was saved when he was 8 years old at a youth rally. He began his mission field in May of 1994. The Lord allowed him to start a local church in Beijing and four other churches in China. In 2016, they were asked by the Chinese government to leave China. In 2017 he started the Silicon Valley Chinese Baptist Church of Santa Clara. Now he still works closely with the Christians in China, New Zealand and Russia.



Matthew 28:18-20

¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."



GROUP PRAYER PROMPT #1 (7 min.): Matthew 16:24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

Let's ask ourselves if we are carrying our own cross and following Jesus, if yes, we give glory to God. If not, let's pray for God's mercy on us and help us to deny ourselves and follow Him closely.

GROUP PRAYER PROMPT #2 (7 min.): John 16:8 When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment:

Jesus promised that the Holy spirit will come to us and be with us. The holy spirit will be with us to fight the spiritual war with the devil. Let's pray for that holy spirit can fill us so we can be used by God.

GROUP PRAYER PROMPT #3 (7 min.): 1 Corinthians 16:2 On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made.

God is so abundant to bless each of us. He doesn't need our money, but our heart. The purpose of setting aside your money is to keep your heart away from the temptation of the world. Let's pray that all Christians could set aside their devotion for God's kingdom.

BETWEEN 5:00 PM-10:00 PM: [Goose for gathering]

Last Sunday, we had 130 attendances for Church on Grass. You can see the grass is becoming bald, but it shows how much our brothers and sisters love to greet each other in person.

Oh Father God, may you help us to:

- Stay in good heath
- Live with growing spirit
- Act by gospel preaching

Two geese are enjoying their afternoon walk on the grass of Valley Church. They are discussing when the church will reopen.

