

## A List of 12 Personal Benefits of Regular Devotions

1. I've discovered that effective ministry flows from a "full reservoir" – Keep your reservoir full!!
2. I've found that those I lead tend to emulate my devotional life (that's either very good or very frightening).
3. The "satisfaction quotient" of my personal relationship with God is directly related to the quality of my devotional life.
4. My daily devotions provide a regular opportunity for me to gain perspective on the issues of my life and give me an opportunity to receiving spiritual refreshment.
5. My ability to resist temptation and overcome "besetting sin" is directly linked to the regularity and quality of my devotional life.
6. A consistent devotional life provides a regular opportunity and context for God to speak to me about what He considers to be the important issues in my life.
7. My daily devotions provide a regular opportunity for me to hear God's voice and communicate with Him about my concerns.
8. Some of the most creative ideas and effective ministry strategies have surfaced during my time of daily devotions.
9. Solutions to persistent concerns and issues in my life have often been revealed to me during my time of daily devotions.
10. Worship becomes richer and God more real to me as a result of my regular times in His presence.
11. I've discovered that when I have devotions regularly my relationship with the Lord is an exciting adventure, not simply a duty or an obligation.
12. Not only that, when I have daily devotions... I grow! Grow!! GROW!!!

## **The Key Components of Fruitful Personal Devotions**

- ✓ Awareness of God's presence
- ✓ Authenticity in His presence
- ✓ Worship - All kinds
- ✓ Bible reading and reflection
- ✓ Prayer - All kinds (Ephesians 6:18)
- ✓ Journaling

## **Getting the Most out of Your Personal Time With the Lord**

1. Meditate deeply!
2. Inquire sincerely!
3. Listen closely!
4. Obey quickly!
5. Claim confidently!
6. Appropriate completely!
7. Share sensitively!