Dear Friends, In making disciples in accordance with Matthew 28:18-20, we've observed certain disciplines used by people of all ages and backgrounds as ways to follow Jesus Christ consistently. We've especially noted the benefit of spending undistracted time alone with God (**UTAWG** as Darin likes to describe it!). Darin emails morning devotionals like these below as samples from the <u>Online One Year Bible</u>, which we'd like to send you for using in any way that helps you model having daily time in the Word.

Proverbs 15:16-17 (English Standard Bible -- ESV with all of these passages given for today from the One Year Bible: 1 Samuel 20-21; John 9; Psalm 113-114; Proverbs 15:15-17)

16 Better is a little with the fear of the Lord than great treasure and trouble with it. 17 Better is a dinner of herbs where love is than a fattened ox and hatred with it.

<u>What did I learn about God?</u> God values love in a relatively famished family more than treasure in a hateful home. <u>What difference does this make in my life?</u> I prayed this morning for love to fill my house regardless of financial means. <u>How can this reading help me disciple men?</u> I'll encourage men to not prioritize making money over developing godly homes filled with God's love.

John 5:45-47 (English Standard Bible -- ESV with all of these passages given for today from the One Year Bible: 1 Samuel 2:22-4:22; John 5:24-47; Psalm 106:1-12; Proverbs 14:30-31)

45 Do not think that I [Jesus] will accuse you to the Father. There is one who accuses you: Moses, on whom you have set your hope. 46 For if you believed Moses, you would believe me; for he wrote of me. 47 But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe my words?

<u>What did I learn about God?</u> God considers the writings of Scripture as enough to lead a person to belief in Jesus Christ. <u>What difference does this make in my life?</u> I gave my new Muslim friends the Injeel (Arabic New Testament) this wk: it also worked to give them the late Nabeel Qureshi's "No God but One: Allah or Jesus." <u>How can this reading help me disciple men?</u> I'll encourage Christians to give God's Word all the time to those around us.