

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 One Year Bible, which we'd like to send you for using in any way that helps you model having daily time in the Word.

Proverbs 11:30 (NASB Bible)

30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, And he who is wise wins souls.

What did I learn about God?

God wants men and women to live wisely by winning souls.

What difference does this make in my life? *I witnessed last night to a man when it felt risky to mention believing in Jesus, but he responded well and told me with details what it would take for him to believe.*

How can this reading help me disciple men? *I'll encourage Christians to do whatever it takes to win souls.*

Luke 4:42-44 (NIV - UK Bible)

42 At daybreak, Jesus went out to a solitary place. The people were looking for him and when they came to where he was, they tried to keep him from leaving them. 43 But he said, 'I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent.' 44 And he kept on preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

What did I learn about God?

Jesus spent time with God in solitary places at the start of the day to stay focused on God's will instead of what men wanted Him to do, like Mark 1 also describes.

What difference does this make in my life? *I've experienced the perspective that only comes from God, by starting each day with God's Word when men would recommend more sleep or something secular.*

How can this reading help me disciple men? *I'll encourage men to give God the best part of our day and not try for everything else expected of us without God's Word filling us as we get going!*

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