

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 [Online 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.

**2 Timothy 2:24-26** (English Standard Version -- ESV with all of these passages given for today from the One Year Bible: Jeremiah 44:24-47:7; 2 Timothy 2:22-3:17; Psalm 94; Proverbs 26:6-8)

**24 And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, 25 correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, 26 and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.**

*What did I learn about God? God wants His servants to kindly call unsaved people to repentance through teaching them God's Word without quarrelling.*

*What difference does this make in my life? I'll keep trying to convert, with gentle responses to evil, an unsaved antagonistic man at the YMCA.*

*How can this reading help me disciple men? I can encourage Christians to consider who and how we've tried to convince someone recently about the truth of Jesus Christ.*

**Ecclesiastes 7:2** (English Standard Version -- ESV with all of these passages given for today from the One Year Bible: Ecclesiastes 7-9; 2 Corinthians 7:8-16; Psalm 48; Proverbs 22:17-19)

**2 It is better to go to the house of mourning than to go to the house of feasting, for this is the end of all mankind, and the living will lay it to heart.**

*What did I learn about God? God considers it more beneficial to attend a funeral than a festive event.*

*What difference does this make in my life? I experienced the benefit of pain yesterday reciting God's Word before my father-in-law's burial.*

*How can this reading help me disciple men? I'll encourage Christians to contemplate the end of our lives and "Live for What Outlives You" (my father-in-law's book).*