

**Reading:** Matthew 25:14-30

**Topic:** Personal Spiritual Habits

**INTRODUCTION:** In life, all of us have developed certain habits, some of which are \_\_\_\_\_ and others that are not. Today we will talk about developing \_\_\_\_\_ personal spiritual habits that will make us more effective in our spiritual ministry.

## I. PERSONAL SPIRITUAL FORMATION:

### ***A. Spiritual Priority:***

1. Though it may sound to be elementary, it is the one thing that has rendered many \_\_\_\_\_ ineffective and without genuine anointing and that is the lack of maintaining of a personal \_\_\_\_\_ life. I Th. 5:17
2. There are many books written about \_\_\_\_\_, the Bible is full of references to \_\_\_\_\_ and all people know that they should \_\_\_\_\_, but still for many it gets neglected for other things. Lk. 10:41,42
3. Most personal and moral \_\_\_\_\_ can be attributed to the neglect of the daily close personal time alone with Jesus and waiting in His presence. Mt. 26:41

### ***B. In Ministry:***

1. Talent is God given and ability and knowledge are wonderful things to have, but they cannot \_\_\_\_\_ the anointing of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God in ministry. Jer. 17:5
2. Our talents and abilities may impress people but that will not touch or transform the \_\_\_\_\_ of lost people who need their lives \_\_\_\_\_ by the power of God. Jn. 6:63
3. It is imperative that every individual develop and maintain a strong personal habit of daily \_\_\_\_\_ and waiting upon the Lord for spiritual strength, guidance and \_\_\_\_\_. Eph. 6:18

## II. PERSONAL SPIRITUAL VISION:

### ***A. Seeing through God's Eyes:***

1. We are surrounded by so many \_\_\_\_\_ influences in our world today and so many \_\_\_\_\_ voices that we can permit them to cloud our \_\_\_\_\_ for what God has planned for our lives. This is what caused an entire generation of the Children of Israel to \_\_\_\_\_ their place in the Promised Land.  
Num. 13:30-33
2. God will give us spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ as we spend time in His presence and it takes discipline to keep the vision in \_\_\_\_\_ and to work towards that goal. Neh. 1:4; 2:4,17,18

### ***B. The Habit of Visualizing:***

1. With the personal spiritual habit of \_\_\_\_\_ at work in our lives, developing through faith the habit of visualizing will give us direction on how to attain the \_\_\_\_\_ that God has given to us.
2. When we develop the habit of \_\_\_\_\_, negative influences will not deter us from striving for the goals that will take us through the steps needed to fulfill the \_\_\_\_\_. Neh. 6:3
3. The vision will be there in our hearts and minds when we wake up in the \_\_\_\_\_, and be with us throughout the \_\_\_\_\_ and still be with us when we go to bed at \_\_\_\_\_. Neh. 2:12-13,17

### III. PERSONAL FAITHFULNESS:

#### **A. Basic Requirement:**

1. It was very clear from the teaching of \_\_\_\_\_ and from the examples of Bible history that God places a premium on the quality of \_\_\_\_\_. I Cor. 4:2
2. Faithfulness is defined as being trustworthy and dependable, and is an essential \_\_\_\_\_ that must be developed and exercised in our \_\_\_\_\_ lives, both spiritually and naturally. Dan. 6:4
3. Without this quality of faithfulness in our lives, we become very ineffective and useless in the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, for no one can \_\_\_\_\_ upon us. Prov. 25:19

#### **B. Discipline Required:**

1. As with the other good personal spiritual habits, the quality of faithfulness requires discipline to \_\_\_\_\_ into the daily practice of our personal \_\_\_\_\_. Rev. 17:14
2. Faithfulness is a quality that must be present in all aspects of our \_\_\_\_\_ - in spiritual matters of our personal walk with God, in \_\_\_\_\_ responsibilities, on our jobs and in school as well as in our family relationships and duties. Lk. 16:10

**CONCLUSION:** Every child of God and especially those involved in \_\_\_\_\_ must seek to develop and maintain good personal spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ that will make one effective and influential in both natural and spiritual matters.