



# Daily Quiet Time Guide Viral, Week 1



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## HOW TO HAVE A DAILY QUIET TIME

The QT Guide is designed to help you MOVE with God through Bible Reading, reflection and prayer. It can be completed in about 7 minutes.

**½ Minute Preparing Your Heart:** Invest the first 30 seconds preparing your heart. You might pray, “Lord, cleanse my heart so You can speak to me through the Scriptures. Make my mind alert, my soul active, and my heart responsive. Surround me with Your presence during this time.”

**4 Minutes Listening To God:** Take the next four minutes to read the Bible. Your greatest need is to hear a word from God. Allow the Word to strike fire in your heart. Meet the Author!

**2.5 Minutes Talking To God:** After God has spoken through His Book, then speak to Him in prayer.

## DAY 1

Matthew 28:18-20

### God's Priority

In Matthew 28:18-20, Jesus relayed this message, *“All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.*

Just imagine after the Resurrection that an angel came up to Jesus and said, “Jesus, this is wonderful! You have paid the price for mankind’s sin. What’re you going to do to let the whole world know they can be saved and won’t have to perish and spend an eternity without God? What’s your plan? How’re you going to do it?”

Jesus said, “Well, my few disciples are going to tell people, who in turn will tell other people, who are going to tell other people, who are going to tell other people.”

Puzzled, the angel then asked, “Do you have a backup plan?”

“No”, Jesus replied.

Still confused, the angel asked, “No offense, Lord, but what if they fail?”

Jesus answered assuredly, “I have complete confidence in them.”

My friend, there is no Plan B. God has no backup plan. You and I are it! We are Plan A! The problem is, too many Christians today don’t have God’s priority as their priority.

Maybe you just didn’t realize the importance.

## DAY 2

1 Timothy 2:1-6

### **The Prerequisite of Prayer**

*Therefore, I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in*

*authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time. (1 Timothy 2:1-6).*

## **God desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.**

We must talk to God first about men before we talk to men about God. We cannot be successful without that initial step. First there is prayer, then comes sharing the plan of salvation.

As a believer, do you desire your family, your friends, your coworkers be saved? Hopefully, your answer is “yes”, but wanting them to be saved is not enough. Your desire that they be saved must be turned into prayer that they be saved.

Pray specifically. Make a list of every unsaved person in your life. Start with the network of relationships that already exist, family members, friends, and associates who are not saved, and then start lifting them up in prayer.

Most Christians genuinely desire for folks to be saved, but not all Christians pray for the salvation of people they love. Even fewer pray for the salvation of folks they work with. And don't forget the stranger on the corner you just met. Pray for their salvation too.

## **DAY 3**

Matthew 5:16

## **The Power of Your Presence**

Jesus said in Matthew 5:16, *Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.*”

If our call as a believer is to “make disciples”, it’s important for us to point others to Jesus. We have to let others see Jesus in us. Our Heavenly Father is trusting us to sow seeds by being real around those we encounter. Jesus has shown us how to be a genuine friend, touchable, caring, and open. We are to live a life that illuminates the gospel to the unsaved. We have the opportunity to witness everywhere we go, using words, if necessary.

If you are walking with God, it is reflected in your attitude, your work ethic, and your countenance. It is a discernible difference that will lead some people to ask about your faith. You will be able to sow seeds just with your presence.

If you truly want others to be saved, pray this prayer before you get out of bed each day, “Jesus, I want others to see you in me.” Then step back and let God work in their heart.

## DAY 4

Romans 10: 13-14, Romans 10:17, Romans 1:16

### **The Power of Proclamation**

*for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” How, then, can they call on the One they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the One of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? (Romans 10: 13-14)*

When the time comes to speak up, a lot of Christians are like arctic rivers: frozen at the mouth. Maybe we didn’t realize it was our

job to “preach” to those who don’t know Jesus. But someone must tell the story!

Pray for the unsaved, let your light shine, and when the time comes, share the gospel story. Paul said in Romans 1:16, *I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes.*

Through just a simple proclamation of the message, many people, when they hear it, will believe and be saved. The reason for that is found in Romans 10:17, *So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

A declaration of the message causes faith to arise in people’s hearts by simply telling them the gospel story: Mankind was separated from God, Jesus paid the price for their sins, He was raised from the dead, and if you put your trust in Him, you can be saved and live eternal life with God.

Sharing the good news of salvation might seem uncomfortable, but we are called to be disciples and we are called to make disciples. Incorporating your own story as to how Jesus came into your life, might be helpful when sharing. If you want to obey Jesus, if you understand that everyone spends eternity somewhere and if you truly believe that Jesus has changed your life for the better, why would you hesitate for even one second to share that kind of love?

## DAY 5

Acts 28:23-24

### **Persuasion**

*So when they had appointed him a day, many came to him at his lodging, to whom he explained and solemnly testified of the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus from both the Law of Moses and the Prophets, from morning till evening. And some were persuaded by the things which were spoken, and some disbelieved. (Acts 28: 23-24).*

Some people are going to need more than proclamation to be saved because they are grappling with questions that need to be dealt with. They may need to be persuaded. The questions they have are like roadblocks in front of them that need to be removed so they can advance and embrace the gospel.

They may have questions like, “Why can’t other religions save? Why does Jesus have to be the only way?” Or, “What’s this deal about the Jews? Why did the Savior have to come from the Jews?” Or it may be, “What about people who don’t hear? Will they perish?”

When people have questions like these, they are genuinely seeking answers so give them Biblical responses. If you don’t have an answer, tell them you don’t know. Say, “That’s a good question. I don’t know the answer but I’m going to find one for you.” Then go study your Bible, pray for wisdom, ask others who are further along in their walk with Jesus and get back to them. You’ll find when you give people legitimate Scriptural answers, they will be open to what you have to say, which may lead them to ask Jesus into their life.

God called you and me to share Jesus with those who are lost. Not everyone is easily convinced. Let’s get to work doing what we’re commanded to do and allow God to open their heart to the Truth.