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Five Steps to Having a Devotional Life:

1. Set a time and a *daily* appointment
2. Be still and worship
3. Pray
4. Read the Word (God speaks through His Word)
5. Listen and write (God speaks to you)

Spiritual Growth:

**I Peter 2:2** – Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk of the Word of God, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation.

**Colossians 3:16** – Permit the Word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom

**Mark 4:26-29** – <sup>26</sup> He also said, “This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters the seed of the Word of God upon the ground of his heart. <sup>27</sup> Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. <sup>28</sup> All by itself the soil or heart produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. <sup>29</sup> As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.”

Strength to Stand:

**Matthew 7:24-27** – <sup>24</sup> “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. <sup>25</sup> The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. <sup>26</sup> But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. <sup>27</sup> The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

Discovering Who You Really Are:

**James 1:21-25** – <sup>21</sup> Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you. <sup>22</sup> Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. <sup>23</sup> Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror <sup>24</sup> and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. <sup>25</sup> But

the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it—he will be blessed in what he does.