

SEVEN DIRECTIVE QUESTIONS FOR DEVOTIONS

(To be used in the Bible reading part of daily devotions from How to Give Away Your Faith by Paul Little, pages 125-127)

1. Is there an example for me to follow?

Does the passage of Scripture suggest anything that I should do or be today?

2. Is there a sin for me to avoid?

3. Is there a command for me to obey?

Ninety-five percent of God's will has already been revealed. His will is revealed in the Bible and it has to do with our character and daily life, not so much about our career, marriage, or school. Sometimes we do not know His will because we have not exposed ourselves to the Word of God. When we are obedient to His clearly revealed will in His Word, He will lead us in uncertain areas.

4. Is there a promise for me to claim?

Some promises are unconditional like Hebrews 13:5. Others have a condition attached to them like Psalm 37:4. Find a promise and claim it.

5. What does this particular passage teach me about God or about Jesus Christ?

One of the adventures of the Christian life is to grow in our knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. By meditating on His own revelation of Himself and by growing in Him we get to know God better and better. For example, that God is merciful, He honors His Word, He is just, He is majestic, etc.

6. Is there a difficulty here for me to explore?

Some of us get "all hung up" on the questions until we give up in despair and quit our daily devotions. Jot down questions and come back to them later. Don't make the problem the main course of our daily spiritual meal.

7. Is there something in this passage I should pray about today?

If we are alert we can find Scripture that can be prayed back to God. For example, study Psalms 103 for the benefits of God, and praise Him. Pray back to Him all those benefits.

If you will take 15 minutes to search the Scriptures daily for an example to follow, a sin to avoid, a command to obey, a promise to claim, a new thought about God, a difficulty to explore, and a matter or prayer, you will find it a rewarding search.