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DEDICATION

The following study on the daily devotional time is hereby dedicated to the memory of my homiletical mentor and friend, Dr. Stephen F. Olford; who taught me the importance and necessity of the daily quiet time with God

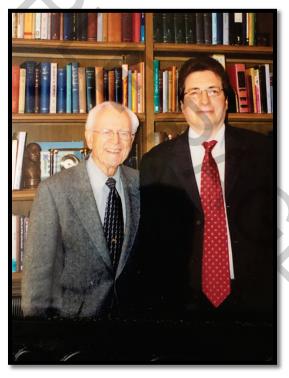




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INTRODUCTION

Our walk with God is the most important aspect of our life: if we are remiss in maintaining an intimate love relationship with our Lord Jesus, then everything in our life suffers.

Unfortunately, many fail to take time to pray and to make time to study the Word of God—therefore many live in defeat and are spiritually undernourished. Statistics state that the average pastor only spends ten minutes a day in prayer. Ten minutes! If that is true, then how much time does the average believer actually spend engaged in vital prayer? Five minutes? Two minutes? Are our prayers self-focused to where all we do is ask for blessings and God's favor upon us and our families? Do we know anything about intercessory prayer? Or the real demands of costly, desperate prayer?

It is therefore a great priority to have a daily devotional time. This workbook will help the busy believer make time to pray and study God's Word and develop a regular habit of having a daily Quiet Time with God so one's walk with God is strengthened and deepened for further usefulness to God—for His glory!

CHAPTER ONE:

MARTHA IN HIS FACE,

MARY AT HIS FEET.

"If we are not living for Christ and eternity, what are we doing here?"

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In Luke's Gospel in chapter ten we read:

"Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at

Jesus' feet, and heard his word. But Martha was encumbered about much serving and came to him, and said, "Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she may help me. And Jesus answered and said unto her. Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her" (Luke 10: 38-42).

Here in this striking passage of Scripture we find that Martha had a large meal to prepare for Jesus and His men. The text states, "as they went" meaning Jesus and the Twelve. Certainly, it was a daunting task to prepare a big meal on