

Give Time to the Divine

“Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias),² and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the signs he had performed by healing the sick.³ Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples.⁴ The Jewish Passover Festival was near.” – John 6:1-4

If we expect to receive divine increase then we should give time to the Divine. It is imperative that we spend time understanding the mind of Christ, and building a relationship with Him and our heavenly Father. This can be done through the daily reading of the Word of God, and also by spending quality time in prayer – talking with and listening to God.

In the above scripture, the disciples spent time in the presence of Jesus, so that they can better understand His teachings and build a relationship with Him. Even the crowd followed Him and wanted to spend time in his presence, albeit for the wrong reasons: because of the signs and wonders they saw.

The importance of spending time in the Word of God and obeying its precepts, so that we can prosper is emphasized in Joshua 1:8¹

⁸ Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do.

Therefore, if we want to reap divine increase in our lives, we must sow time with the Divine and obey His instructions. Time spent with God should not be a rushed ordeal that we quickly try to get over in five to ten minutes, but should be quality time that is given in daily devotion unto God. It should never be a few minutes that we “squeeze” into the morning before we begin our hectic daily grind. Instead, time spent with God should always be quality time as required and as guided by the Holy Spirit.

Memory Verses:

“When Jesus saw the crowds, He went up on the mountain; and after He sat down, His disciples came to Him.” - Matthew 5:1

Heavenly Father,

“Impress upon my heart the need to give quality time unto You, as guided by Your Holy Spirit. In Jesus’ name I pray with thanksgiving. Amen.”

Notes:

1. New Living Translation (NLT).

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