

Extraordinary **Spending an Ordinary Day With Jesus**

I. Introduction

- A. What God wants more than anything else is to be with us!
- B. Revelation 22:3-4 (NAS) *³There will no longer be any curse; and the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His bond-servants will serve Him; ⁴they will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads.*
- C. Matthew 28:20b (NAS) *"And lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."*
- D. The incarnational stream of life
- E. "To be with God in ordinary moments - - in everyday places - - all the time."

II. Spending an Ordinary Day With Jesus

- A. Your primary goal for tomorrow: Be with Jesus!
 - 1. Genesis 1:5 (NAS) *God called the light day, and the darkness He called night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day.*
 - 2. Psalm 127:2 (NAS) *It is vain for you to rise up early, to retire late, to eat the bread of painful labors; for He gives to His beloved even in his sleep.*
 - 3. "Sleep is God's invention for giving us the health He cannot get into us while we are awake." (George MacDonald)
 - 4. Ephesians 4:26-27 (NAS) *²⁶Be angry, and yet do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and do not give the devil an opportunity.*
 - 5. "For Christians, the beginning of the day should not be haunted by the various kinds of concerns they face during the day. The Lord stands above the new day, and all worry, and all anxiety flee before Him. Therefore, in the early morning hours of the day, may our many thoughts and our many idle words be silent, and may the first word and the first thought belong to the One to whom our whole life belongs." (Dietrich Bonhoeffer)
 - 6. Ephesians 5:26 (NAS) *So that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word.*
 - 7. Ecclesiastes 9:7a (NAS) *Go then, eat your bread in happiness and drink your wine with a cheerful heart.*

- B. For many people, the single greatest enemy they have in walking with God is their pace of life!
1. Luke 6:33 (NAS) *"If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same."*
 2. Matthew 25:42-45 (NLT) *⁴²"For I was hungry, and you didn't feed me. I was thirsty, and you didn't give me a drink. ⁴³I was a stranger, and you didn't invite me into your home. I was naked, and you didn't give me clothing. I was sick and in prison, and you didn't visit me.' ⁴⁴Then they will reply, 'Lord, when did we ever see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and not help you?' ⁴⁵And he will answer, 'I tell you the truth, when you refused to help the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were refusing to help me.'"*
 3. No beating yourself up!
 4. And if you can spend one day with Jesus - - you can spend every day with Jesus - - one day at a time!

III. Conclusion

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