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them helpful. I interject others from time to time, but these five are my primary things. So how do I communicate these to others?

First, I am not sure that the “what” is quite that important. To decide between journaling (one's record of gratitude, confession, submission and sacrifice) or prayer is not that important. All of the disciplines are pointed or directed toward God. The key is the focus, the intentionality, the purpose of being with God. Perhaps it is like distinguishing between the superiority of Instagram or Snapchat to communicate a message?

Second, to grow in a relationship with God requires communication and reflecting on God. It is something that must be a priority for us. So, there must be an allocation of time. For Janet, it is her travel time back and forth to work. She has that uninterrupted 2 hours per day. I use my morning meditation period; time I don't answer the phone, deal with email, or have distractions around.

Third, evaluate from time to time. Is it becoming drudgery? Yes, at times, training yourself to be more spiritual is tiring. But we must press through. A shift in how you interact with God can often be helpful. Spend a day jotting notes of gratitude for his provision, for example.

Learning how is more about intention than process.

Grace and peace,

Carl

Where belonging to God means belonging to each other.

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The Day Is At Hand

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June 3, 2018

When Janet and I first met, she was about to turn 16 and I was approaching 18; we lived across Denver from each other. I was spending lots of time in a school of preaching while she was a junior in high school. We didn't have the chance to see each other more than 2-3 times per week, often at church.

To begin to develop our relationship, much to the chagrin of her parents, we spoke on the phone. We could talk endlessly. The conversations were about the most menial things, the point was... we were talking. I wrote some letters, cards, that kind of thing. We just wanted to communicate. If we had been a generation with cell phones, we would have been constantly texting.

She was restricted on dating, so we didn't go out much. I was restricted on income, so we didn't go to fancy places. The point was, time together. Driving in the mountains, movies, fast food meals, and youth events, we made the most of every opportunity together. We created the time because we wanted a deeper relationship.

I've been studying how to help other disciples deepen their relationship with God. I use a number of “spiritual disciplines”: prayer, meditation, solitude, journaling, and study. I find

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SUNDAY: Leisure Homestead Service—9:30 am
Bible Study for all ages—10:00 am
Worship Service—10:45 am

WEDNESDAY: Varies by Time of Year (*refer to Bulletin News*)

ELDERS: Richard Brensing, Teddy Gingrich, Terry Sallee,
George Shelton, Tom Turner

DEACONS: Jerry Kinnamon, Chris Mansel, Orrin Feril

TREASURER: Richard Brensing

WORSHIP ORDER FOR JUNE 3, 2018

SONG LEADER: Richard Brensing
GATHERING SONG: No. 71—As the Deer
WELCOME: Tom Turner
SCRIPTURE READING: 1 John 4:19-21 (Dominic Rogers)
SONGS: No. 701—My Jesus, I Love Thee
No. 350—When My Love to Christ Grows Weak
No. 379—If That Isn't Love
No. 387—Tell Me the Story of Jesus
No. 789—Father
PRAYER: Teddy Gingrich
SONG: No. 464—Because He Lives
COMMUNION: Tom Turner
Chris Mansel
Fred Johnson
Joe Cornwell
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril (Romans 13:11-12)
SONG: No. 608—He Gave Me a Song
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)
SONG: No. 907—Hark, The Gentle Voice (vs 1)
PRAYER: Terry Sallee

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WELCOME VISITORS

We are pleased you have joined us in worship and hope that you will come again!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

What a great VBS we had last week! Some of our group who have been heavily involved in the past were unable to be here, and several others stepped up to be sure all of the kids had a great experience. THANK YOU to all who helped in any way. This was truly a group effort and we give glory to God for the success of the week!

WEDDING GIFTS

We will be giving some wedding gifts to Dylan & Destiny Huffman next week after potluck lunch. If you would like to contribute toward these, please contact Janet.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Mason Sallee—June 6
Jerry Kinnamon—June 8

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Clint & Tara Kinnamon—June 9

EASTWOOD SUMMER SERIES

The Eastwood Church of Christ in Hutchinson will start a Wednesday evening summer series on June 6th, with guest speakers from various locations. A schedule is posted if you would like to travel to Hutch to hear any of this special series.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Rick Toland (Marla's cousin in Topeka) - diagnosed with aggressive Stage 4 bladder cancer; will start chemo next week
Stan Aldrich—continues to have significant health concerns
Dena Mansel—not been feeling well
Vince, Teddy's brother-in-law—heart problems
Glennys Sallabedra (Tom's mother) - in Leisure Homestead in Stafford, in Skilled Nursing
David Sizemore (Ben & Hannah's dad) - continue to remember David as he recovers from his surgery
Kaylee Welch Brown (Debbie Welch's daughter) - in Rehab in Dallas
Gayle Sears (Marla's friend) breast cancer; chemo
Kim Staub—Parkinson's
Diane Campbell—MS
Jim Walton (Stafford) - throat cancer
Katherine Suiter—cancer
Crystal Easley (Terry & Linda Welch's daughter) - cancer
David Ivy (Marilyn's brother) - Emphysema
Jim Sorensen (Tara's brother-in-law) brain cancer
Jenny Walker (Carol's sister)
Roger Dick—ongoing cancer treatments
Theo Birkett (Tara's mother)
Jim Soukup (Gingrich's son-in-law [Shari's husband])
June Cornwell—Kenwood Plaza

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