

## QUALITY TIME WITH JESUS

## PRECEPT

**John 15:5**

<sup>5</sup> “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

## PROMISE

The best way to express love is through giving time. If we don't love spending quality time with our loved ones, our relationship with them is questionable. Without quality time, strong relationships can begin to break down.

**TIME.** Poor time management takes away our quality time with Jesus. For some reason, time just seems to lessen as we move to the next season of our lives. Ephesians 5:15-16 says, “Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.” No matter what stage of life we are in, managing time is always a challenge — but it's not the lack of time that takes away our quality time with Jesus.

**WORLD.** Our type of love for the world takes away our quality time with Jesus. John 2:15-16 tells us, Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you. For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions. These are not from the Father but are from this world.” Loving the world means physical pleasure, cravings for the things we see, and pride in our achievements. These things of the world can replace Jesus in our hearts but they will never satisfy us. The true meaning is found in a relationship with God, lived in obedience and reverence. The only thing that can satisfy the void in our hearts is the love of Jesus.

**MINISTRY.** When was the last time you sat down at the Lord's feet doing nothing, but listening to Him? Matthew 7:21-23 says, “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?’ Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’” Our relationship with Jesus matters more than our Ministry because our purpose in life is not to be the greatest. Quality time with Jesus over ministry because ministry is just the product of Jesus' outpouring of love for us.

We need Jesus because living in this world is tiring. This world will run you out empty. God created that emptiness for one thing, and that's no other than the love of Jesus. John 6:35 says, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.” Quality Time with Jesus is a daily necessity because apart from Him we are nothing.

## PRACTICE

1. **Time.** When was the last time you spent quality time with Jesus?

2. **Quality time.** How do you minimize distractions during your quality time with Jesus? And how can we pray for you regarding this?

## PRAYER

**I. Worship services**

- May more new people come and experience God in a personal way.

**II. Obedience**

- Pray that even in sufferings, we will obey God wholeheartedly.

**III. Marriages**

- May God guide them and strengthen their commitment to one another.

**IV. Mental Health**

- Let's ask for God's healing touch to those who are in need of it.

**V. Provision**

- Thank Jehovah-Jireh, the God who provides, the One that owns everything.

**VI. Joy**

- May God fill our hearts with joy that overflows, even in the midst of challenges.

**VII. Disciples**

- Pray that God may give courage to churches to fulfil the Great Commission.