

Devotional Moments

Daily devotional books—collections of short inspirational observations about God’s Word—can inspire even the driest quiet time and brighten the slowest hour of waiting on God. They are intended to draw the reader into contemplative thought and stimulate the senses, and they are very successful at doing so, as evidenced by the sales popularity of these types of books. However, they are not intended to be a substitute for God’s word, merely an appetizer. When used as such, they can be a wonderful way to whet one’s appetite and prepare the heart for more. Choose one (or more) of the popular devotionals listed in the Resource section at the back of this book to have on hand and read occasionally, as needed, for inspiration.

Samples:

Let Me show you My way for you this day. I guide you continually, so you can relax and enjoy My Presence in the present. Living well is both a discipline and an art. Concentrate on staying close to Me, the divine Artist. Discipline your thoughts to trust Me as I work My ways in your life. Pray about everything; then, leave outcomes up to Me. Do not fear My will, for through it I accomplish what is best for you. Take a deep breath and dive into the depths of absolute trust in Me. Underneath are the everlasting arms. “Listen to my cry for help, my King and my God, for to you I pray. In the morning, O LORD, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.” Psalm 5:2-3 –Jesus Calling, July 2

*Nothing shall be impossible unto you (Matt. 17:20)
...We may have as much of God as we will. Christ puts the key of the treasure chamber into our hand, and bids us take all that we want. Is a man admitted into the bullion vault of a bank, and told to help himself, and comes out with one cent, whose fault is it that he is poor? Whose fault is it that Christian people generally have such scanty portions of the free riches of God? MCLAREN --Streams in the Desert, Feb 20*