

QUIET TIMES WITH

God
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God Is Your Power Source

I am the Vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in Me and I in him bears much fruit, for [otherwise] apart from Me [that is, cut off from vital union with Me] you can do nothing. (John 15:5)

Your life in Christ is not a do-it-yourself project. In other words, you are not left on your own to solve your problems or meet life's challenges in your own strength. God is with you. *He* is your source.

As you grow in your personal relationship with God—spending time talking with Him and studying His Word—you progressively learn to look to God at all times, leaning on His strength rather than your own. You begin to understand that He is your unfailing provider.

Because God is always with you, you have access to everything you need to be victorious in life. Peace, joy, confidence, strength, wisdom, and all the fruit of the Spirit—it's all available to you in Christ Jesus.

Today's Thought

Instead of wondering, How am I going to get everything done? or How am I going to figure this problem out? ask God for His help, strength, and guidance. Trust Him to be your source.

Dig Deeper into God's Word: Study Isaiah 40:29;
Ephesians 3:16

Waiting with Expectation

Wait for and confidently expect the Lord; be strong and let your heart take courage; yes, wait for and confidently expect the Lord. (Psalm 27:14)

At some point in our lives, we all find ourselves praying about a situation and waiting for God to answer that prayer. Waiting can be difficult, and we often wonder if God has heard our prayers.

But be assured, God does hear every prayer you pray, and He is working out the answers even though you may not know all the details. Until you get an answer to your prayer, you can wait either passively or expectantly.

A passive person gives up easily, but an expectant person is confident, believing the answer is just around the corner. Expectancy fills us with hope. It gives us the faith and the strength to wake up each morning with excitement: This could be the day God does something amazing!

Today's Thought

Even when you're waiting on the Lord, be active. Actively pray, actively study the Word, and actively believe that God is working, even when you can't see it.

Dig Deeper into God's Word: Study Habakkuk 2:3;
Psalm 39:7