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Withdrawing With God: See The Need

Spending Time Alone With A Loved One Provides The Opportunity To Truly Know That Person

Luke 5:12-15 - *In one of the villages, Jesus met a man with an advanced case of leprosy. When the man saw Jesus, he bowed with his face to the ground, begging to be healed. "Lord," he said, "if you are willing, you can heal me and make me clean."* ¹³ *Jesus reached out and touched him. "I am willing," he said. "Be healed!" And instantly the leprosy disappeared.* ¹⁴ *Then Jesus instructed him not to tell anyone what had happened. He said, "Go to the priest and let him examine you. Take along the offering required in the law of Moses for those who have been healed of leprosy. This will be a public testimony that you have been cleansed."* ¹⁵ *But despite Jesus' instructions, the report of his power spread even faster, and vast crowds came to hear him preach and to be healed of their diseases.*

Luke 5:16 - *But **Jesus often withdrew to the wilderness for prayer.*** (Bold underline added)

Matthew 26:41 - *Keep watch and pray, so that you will not give in to temptation. For the spirit is willing, but the body is weak!*

Jesus Wanted Them To Pray That Their Faith Wouldn't Die

A Willing Spirit Needs The Holy Spirit To Empower It To Do God's Will

We Can Only Be Strengthened By Spending Time With God

Luke 4:42-44 - *Early the next morning Jesus went out to an isolated place. The crowds searched everywhere for him, and when they finally found him, they begged him not to leave them.* ⁴³ *But he replied, "I must preach the Good News of the Kingdom of God in other towns, too, because that is why I was sent."* ⁴⁴ *So he continued to travel around, preaching in synagogues throughout Judea.*

- 1) Luke Highlights Jesus' Habit Of Withdrawing For Prayer.**
- 2) Jesus Left Even When The Crowds Begged Him Not To.**

Matthew 6:6 - *But when you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, and pray to your Father in private. Then your Father, who sees everything, will reward you.*

1. **Jesus Assumes An Active Prayer Life.**
2. **Jesus Calls Us To Alone Time In Prayer.**
3. **Jesus Calls Us To Forget About Everything Else.**
4. **Jesus Guarantees Answers.**

What We Do In Our Private Life Significantly Determines Our Public Life