

Walk in the Spirit

Do not take being filled with and walking in the Spirit for granted. As in all aspects of your life, make sure you keep short accounts with God, confessing sin when necessary and walking in close fellowship with him at all times. We can never afford the luxury of carnality and this is especially true while developing your support.

Maintain a daily quiet time

Working on your support can keep you very busy. Even if you do have free time, there is a tendency to let other activities crowd out your daily personal time with God in his word and in prayer. **Make sure you plan this time into your schedule every day.**

Many have found it best to study sections of the Bible that look at God's character, promises and his calling.

The Study Outlines for this chapter offer a series of Quiet Times specially prepared for your support development time. Unless you have a better Quiet Time programme already in operation, take time to work through these on a daily basis.

Praise and thank God often

It is a good idea to spend time regularly in praise and thanksgiving. Not only does God command it, but it will lift your spirit and cause you to really focus on how great and loving God is. You might want to try listening to tapes of praise music, using a hymnal, or reading Scripture passages of praise to God, as means of praising him.

And remember to thank the Lord for his provision to you and for the ways he is conforming your character to that of Christ during your support-raising.

Some suggested passages to read and pray back to God as praises:

PSALMS 18, 21, 22, 33, 66, 67, 92, 100, 111, 117, 148, 149, 150

REVELATION 4, 5, 9:9-12, 15:1-4, 19:1-6; 2 CHRONICLES 6-7; 1 CHRONICLES 29

ISAIAH 9:1-7, 40, 42:5-13, 55; DANIEL 2:19-23; EPHESIANS 3:14-21

1 TIMOTHY 1:17 LUKE 1:46-55, 67-79, 2:13-15

Spend a day with the Lord

Getting away every now and then for an extended period of time of study, worship, praise, reflection and prayer is an excellent way to renew your energy and perspective, as well as seeing the Lord encourage your heart. Doing this can be especially helpful if your support-raising time is lengthy.