**Quiet Time Sermons June 5, 2016**

What a quiet time is not:

* + Listening to Christian Music while you drive your car
  + Listening to a sermon on a podcast while you exercise
  + Reading the Open Windows, or other devotional materials, between appointments
  + Saying breath prayers all throughout the day

“Be still, and know that I am God…” Psalm 46:10a

**Key Phrase: In order to have an intimate relationship with Jesus, you have to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_! Show Up**

Most Christians do not have a daily, set apart, and meaningful quiet time with the Lord.

**Key Word:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Open

There are 3 things that the Lord has taught me to have open as I spend time with him. I am to have an open Head\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and open heart\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and open hands\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**1.) I am to have an open head to the** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The word of God

Did you know that every one of us in this room is a theologian?

Theology simply means thinking\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ about the things of God and then sharing\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ those thoughts in some way.

There is a powerful quote in the book “Basic Theology” by Charles Ryrie where Dr. Ryrie says, “There is nothing wrong with being an amateur theologian or a professional theologian, but there is everything wrong about being an ignorant or a sloppy theologian.”

Did you know?

88% of Americans own a Bible – 4.7 of them to be exact. And yet only 37% of us as American read the Bible at least 4 times a year.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 19% of churchgoers read the Bible every day.

Americans watch, on average, 4 hours of television each day. That would average out to 2 months per year and 9 years by the age of 65.

Wow!!!! We give our time to what matters most to us!

“And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind…” Romans 12:2a

“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.” 2 Timothy 3:16

**2.) I am to have an open heart to the** will of God\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

From my 50 years of spending time with the Lord, I have learned that it is impossible to understand\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the will of God without have a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ grasp of the Word of God.

“Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God….” Psalm 143:10a

There are two different parts to God’s will:

1) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_corporate 2) individual\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

“Inclined” in the Hebrew means –to stretch out, to extend, to bow to be resolved, purposed, and preferred. See Psalm 119:112

“Perform Your statutes forever” – Hebrew meaning “to do” the will of God. Psalm 40:8

What does God expect from us?

“Also I heard the voices of the Lord, saying: “Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us? Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.” Isaiah 6:8

**3.) I am to have open hands to the** work of God\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

One of the things that I have watched in my 60 years of being on this planet is how men want to own\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and take cedit\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_for the things that God has done!

Proverbs 16:18

Pride and haughty both mean - arrogant\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

In Jason Upton’s song, “Dying Star”, there are several lines that are extremely convicting in view of what I am saying here, “You look just like your enemy, your full of pride” and the song goes on to say, “But shining star I hope you see, if the whole wide world is staring straight at you they can’t see Me.”

Colossians 3:23; Philippians 2:13