

Dear Open Door Family,

For the last 10 days or so Carol and I have had a chance to get away. It has been a time to rest and to recoup. As we have had extra time to read and think and pray I thought I would share some verses and quotes that the Lord has challenged me with during this time. May they encourage and challenge you too.

Luke 10:38-42 (NLT) *As Jesus and the disciples continued on their way to Jerusalem, they came to a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed them into her home. [39] Her sister, Mary, sat at the Lord's feet, listening to what he taught. [40] But Martha was distracted by the big dinner she was preparing. She came to Jesus and said, "Lord, doesn't it seem unfair to you that my sister just sits here while I do all the work? Tell her to come and help me." [41] But the Lord said to her, "My dear Martha, you are worried and upset over all these details! [42] There is only one thing worth being concerned about. Mary has discovered it, and it will not be taken away from her."*

When we fail to wait prayerfully for God's guidance and strength, we are saying, with our actions if not our lips, that we do not need him. C. Hummel

When we don't make time to wait before God, we are easily distracted. Our perspective becomes distorted, our emotions churn, and anxiety begins to build. CJ Mahaney

Listening to God ...requires that uninterrupted, undistracted time waiting on him. CJ Mahaney

Though the power for godly character comes from Christ, the responsibility for developing and displaying that character is ours. ...the Bible teaches both total responsibility and total dependence in all aspects of the Christian life. J Bridges

Hosea 10:12 (HCS) *Sow righteousness for yourselves and reap faithful love; break up your unplowed ground. It is time to seek the LORD until He comes and sends righteousness on you like the rain.*

Revival is that strange and sovereign work of God in which He visits His own people - restoring, reanimating, and releasing them into the fullness of His blessing. S. Olford

Revival awakens in our hearts an increased awareness of the presence of God, a new love for God, a new hatred for sin, and a hunger for His Word. D Fehsenfeld

Jeremiah 17:5 (HCS) *This is what the LORD says: The man who trusts in mankind, who makes human flesh his strength and turns his heart from the LORD is cursed.*

Isaiah 57:15 (ESV) *For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.*

Humility is a virtue more often praised than sought. Unknown

Pride leads to every other vice: it is the complete anti-God state of mind. CS Lewis

...discouragement is rooted in pride, self-sufficiency, and unbelief. CJ Mahaney

