

## "DEVOTIONAL LIFE CONSIDERED"

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Using a **notebook and a pen** is helpful and is needed as well as a prescribed portion of Scripture. The outline of the devotional could resemble the following:

- 1) **Scripture:** (write down minimum of one chapter)
- 2) **Text and Key Word:** (write down the key verse from the Scripture and the key word within it)
- 3) **Confession:** (write down a minimum of seven specific sins, wrongs, etc., in your life. Use abbreviations or codes if needed)
- 4) **Divinity:** (write down what you see in the Scripture pertaining to the Divine God)
- 5) **Application:** (record what way this Scripture can be applied)
- 6) **Thanks:** (record a minimum of seven specific things for which you are thankful)
- 7) **Petitions:** (write requests for the following or similar areas)
  - A) Lost/backsliders (name them)
  - B) Health problems ( " )
  - C) Various Ministries ( " )
  - D) Missions ( " )
  - E) Leaders (spiritual, church, government...)
  - F) Family troubles
  - G) Various items (economy, morality)
  - H) Yourself: 1) Health 2) Family 3) Job 4) Devotional life

As one writes the above, one should be in a spirit of prayer and then spend a few minutes in audible prayer as you focus your eyes and mind to travel back over your **PRAYER JOURNAL**. After using the above for a period of time and it begins to lose its appeal, **switch** to another devotional plan!

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