

# HOW STRUCTURE A PRODUCTIVE

## Quiet Time

### CREATE A BIBLE STUDY BASKET

Set yourself up for success by compiling your most-used resources in one place:

- Bible
- Journal
- Highlighter and pens
- Commentary
- Bible dictionary

Leave them in a prominent place where you can simply sit down and grab them.

### WRITE OUT YOUR PRAYERS

Like the best of journaling and prayer combined, writing out your prayers helps you process your thoughts and gives you a tangible record of God's faithfulness.

### SET A TIMER

Setting a timer can help you pay attention and keep you on track with your day.

### GET ACCOUNTABILITY

Need motivation to stay on track with your reading? Get a texting buddy to remind you each day! Hold one another accountability to seek God first.

### USE A READING PLAN

Chronological reading plans help you grasp the big picture of God's redemptive story. They also encourage you to read books of the bible that take more study; the ones we avoid because they aren't "easy". You can also do reading plans on specific topics.

### TAKE NOTES

Use your prayer journal to take notes on passages, or get a journaling bible with wide margins.

### ASK "WHO IS GOD?"

We often come to Scripture looking to apply what we learn. That's great, but much of the Bible can't be readily applied! The better question than "How do I apply this to my life?" is "Who is God in this passage?"

### USE PODCASTS

Podcasts like The Bible Project will teach you the context and background to the books you're reading. You can also listen to sermons in podcast format, especially if you're pressed for time (but don't let this replace your time in the Word).

### GET INSIGHT

Join me on Instagram - @phyliciamasonheimer - for commentary on the hard passages in Scripture!