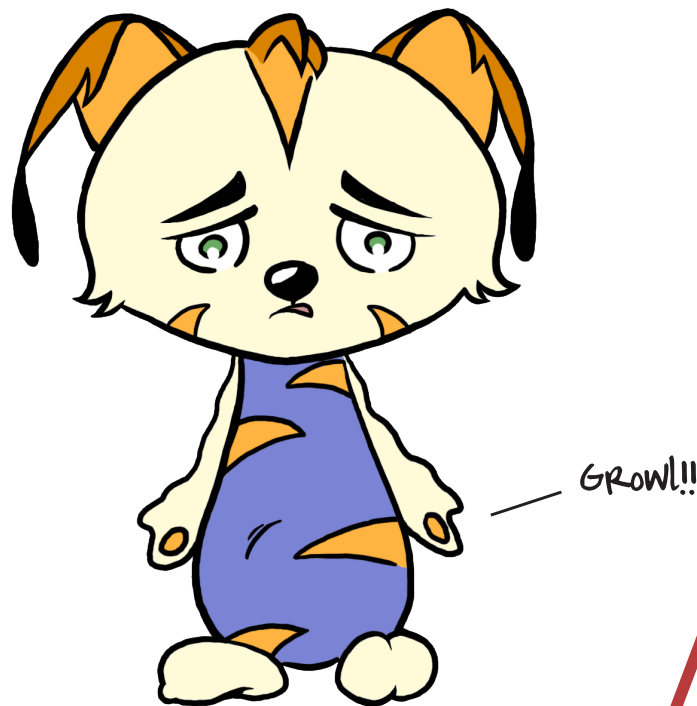


# God's Word: A Priority

DECIDING THAT YOU DON'T NEED TO READ GOD'S WORD VERY OFTEN, AND THEN CHOOSING TO DO WITHOUT IT, IS A LITTLE BIT LIKE DECIDING THAT YOU DON'T NEED TO EAT FOOD AND CAN SURVIVE WITHOUT IT. WELL, JUST LIKE PHYSICAL FOOD, YOU CAN SURVIVE WITHOUT SPIRITUAL NOURISHMENT FOR A WHILE BUT WITH TIME YOU'LL GET WEAKER AND SKINNIER IN SPIRIT.

BUT WHEN YOU GIVE GOD'S WORD THE IMPORTANCE, TIME, AND FOCUS IT DESERVES, GOD'S WORD WILL THEN HELP YOU TO BE SPIRITUALLY STRONG AND HEALTHY. YOUR DAY WILL ALWAYS GO BETTER WHEN YOU INCLUDE TAKING TIME WITH JESUS THROUGH READING HIS WORD.



**HERE ARE SOME IDEAS OF INTERESTING THINGS TO THINK ABOUT AND DO DURING YOUR NEXT DEVOTIONS:**

- THINK OF TIMES WHEN YOU PUT JESUS AND GOD'S WORD FIRST, EVEN WHEN YOU DIDN'T FEEL LIKE DOING SO, AND HOW HE BLESSED YOU AS A RESULT.
- THINK ABOUT SOMETHING YOU RECENTLY READ IN THE WORD THAT INSPIRED YOU, OR THAT HELPED YOU OVERCOME A DIFFICULTY YOU WERE FACING. HOW DID IT SPEAK TO YOUR HEART OR HELP YOU? NOW THANK JESUS FOR IT!
- PRAISE CREATES A VACUUM IN YOUR HEART FOR THE WORD, SO IT HELPS TO START OFF YOUR TIMES OF READING GOD'S WORD PRAISING JESUS FOR WAYS THE WORD HAS HELPED YOU IN THE PAST, OR FOR SOMETHING YOU ARE MOST THANKFUL FOR AT THE MOMENT.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN YOUR WORD TIME, CLAIM BIBLE VERSES THAT WILL HELP YOU TO BE STRENGTHENED FROM YOUR TIME IN THE WORD. (SEE "CRAZILY COOL CARD SET: GOD'S WORD.")



DIG FOR JEWELS: PICK QUOTES FROM WHAT YOU READ THAT GIVE YOU SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT, AND WRITE THESE IN A NOTEBOOK DEDICATED TO YOUR FAVORITE WORD QUOTES.



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