

QUIET TIME #5
For Monday Morning

Foundry Retreat, Sept. 2004

II Timothy 2:2

1. The Bible says, “to whom much is given, much is required” (Lk. 12:48). During this retreat you have been given much to think about and much exhortation to apply. Spend some time asking God to help you put into practice the things you have learned. Be specific and ask Him to help you in specific areas.

2. So often when we study the Bible we come away understanding what the Bible says, and what it means, and how it applies, but we stop there. We become content at merely “knowing the application.” Yet, we should not be content until we have “implemented” the truth in our lives. Implementation is when the application of the text is put into practice. Consider some of the things you were convicted about this weekend and write them down. Also include specific, realistic plans, to implement what you have learned.
 - a.

 - b.

 - c.

3. **Read II Timothy 2:2.** Why do you think Paul wrote these words to Timothy shortly before his death? Why is Paul’s exhortation significant for your life?

4. The word disciple means “learner.” And as Yoda would say, in a discipleship relationship “there is always two, a master, and an apprentice.” Consider your life before the Lord. Consider how long you have been a Christian and the kind of example you are as a believer. Then answer the questions below:
 - a. How are you doing in practicing the basic disciplines of prayer, Bible study, service, evangelism, giving, and fellowship with the saints? Do you feel like you need someone to help you in your walk with the Lord or do you feel like you are faithful in those areas and need to be discipling someone else?

 - b. Based on your answer above, what plans are you going to make to either have someone disciple you or to take steps to disciple other people? If you feel like you need to be discipling other people but you have never done it before, ask your pastor to help you in this area.

5. **Read II Peter 3:18.** Then read this quote from J. C. Ryle’s book *Holiness* and meditate on its application to you. *This text may fall into the hands of some who know nothing whatever about growth in grace. They have little or no concern about religion. A little proper Sunday church-going or chapel-going makes up the sum and substance of their Christianity. They are without spiritual life, and of course they cannot at present grow. Are you one of these people? If you are, you are in a pitiable condition.*
Years are slipping away and time is flying. Graveyards are filling up and families are thinning. Death and judgment are getting nearer to us all. And yet you live like one asleep about your soul! What madness! What folly! What suicide can be worse than this?
Awake before it is too late; awake, and arise from the dead, and live to God. Turn to Him who is sitting at the right hand of God, to be your Saviour and Friend. Turn to Christ, and cry mightily to Him about your soul. There is yet hope! He that called Lazarus from the grave is not changed. He that commanded the widow’s son at Nain to arise from his bier can do miracles yet for your soul. Seek Him at once: seek Christ, if you would not be lost forever. Do not stand still talking and meaning and intending and wishing and hoping. Seek Christ that you may live, and that living you may grow.¹

¹Ryle, J.C. *Holiness : It's Nature, Hindrances, Difficulties and Roots*. electronic ed. Simpsonville SC: Christian Classics Foundation, 1996.