

## Personal Devotions Basket

One way to keep yourself accountable for your personal daily devotions is to create a “Personal Devotions Basket”. Find a basket that will fit your Bible, a journal notebook, a pen, and perhaps a study book that you might also read. You might also wish to add a highlighter or Bible marker, a second notebook to keep special verses in, a Bible concordance, a Prayer Journal/notebook, index cards or post it notes, your Sabbath School lesson, etc.

If you gather all of these items into one basket, it is much easier to accomplish personal devotions without getting distracted by looking for some of these items. The basket need not be fancy; it just needs to be practical. If the basket is large enough, writing utensils can be kept in a small vegetable can covered with material, wrapping paper, or contact paper.

Keep your basket near a favorite chair that you wish to study near. Some are able to enjoy a few extra minutes in bed, while others need to find a quiet place elsewhere in the house to enjoy some fellowship with our Lord. Just make sure it is a place where you won't fall back asleep. If you have that tendency, place the basket somewhere other than by the bed or couch.

Creating a warm cozy nook to enter into devotions can encourage you to follow through on this part of your daily routine. By choosing your materials to place into your basket, you will develop a unique and special time with your Lord. Once your routine is established, help your children create a special basket of their own for their personal devotions as well.

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