

## **GIVE A DEVOTIONAL, PLEASE.**

***“I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways. I will delight myself in the statutes: I will not forget thy word.” – Psalm 119:15-16***

### **PURPOSE**

- The purpose of a devotional is to turn thoughts and minds toward God. The purpose may also be to lead participants in a time of meditation on God, scripture, or a spiritual thought.
- A devotional may be personal and individual. A devotional may be a group experience.

### **CHARACTERISTICS**

- Quite often a short time of meditation (10 minutes) as part of something else.
- May be encouraging, comforting, praise.
- Is often at the beginning or ending of the day.
- Focuses on one scripture verse or thought.

### **ELEMENTS**

- Scripture
- Prayer
- Spiritual Thoughts
- Illustrations
- Stories

### **PLANNING AND PREPARING**

- Know the group.
- Pray about it.
- Write an outline.
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### **HELP!**

- Read your Bible daily.
- Use a devotional guide in your personal Bible study.
- Look around you! God created ideas too!
- Christian literature, magazines, periodicals and books.

### **RESOURCES**

- [A Shepherd Looks at the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm](#) by Phillip Keller
- [More Object Lessons from Nature](#) by Joanne DeJonge (for children)
- [If God Talked Out Loud](#) by Clyde Lee Herring (for youth)
- [My Utmost for His Highest](#) by Oswald Chambers