

# THE PASTOR'S STUDY

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## **Scheduling The Five Keys to Attain Spiritual Relationship**

Good morning, Church!

As we get ready for another brand new school year, let us start our school year out right! Amen? Amen! I can think of no other way to start the school year right than to have a meaningful and deep spiritual relationship with our Father in Heaven, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, and our comforter and helper and instructor, Holy Ghost. I have been teaching the five keys for about 7 years now, but I still get asked, “Just how do you do it on a daily basis and still maintain a job, a family, and a church relationship as well?” Church, it is not hard. I spend as much time as I can in what Jim Martin calls the University of Edification. I may have to adjust my 24-hour clock to maximize the time I can spend in relationship activities with my Father. In this brief letter, I hope to encourage you to adjust your 24-hour clock to maximize your time with the Lord in order to edify, to study, to get revelation, to understand the hidden mysteries in the scriptures, to get rid of those life destroying strongholds, and to receive an anointing that only you will be able to physically describe as you become intimate with your Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Talking about the five keys, let me list them here for quick reference. They are:

1. Praying in tongues for your personal edification
2. Confessing the Word of God for situations in your personal and loved one's lives.

3. Meditating and assimilating the Word of God to understand the hidden mysteries in scripture—To receive the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him.
4. Worshipping God, His Son, and The Holy Spirit within yourself—a one-on-one worship that needs no musical device to accomplish a state of worship, love, and gratitude.
5. Fasting—doing without food for a period of time in order to subject your flesh to the will of God—this helps rid us of the doubt and unbelief that hinders our walk with God.

These five keys, if practiced, will without a doubt, bring us into a closer relationship with the Father. Common sense tells us that the more we practice something, the better we are at performing it. I want more of God in my life—I want to be able to share the gospel of Christ with those around me. I want to lay my hands on the sick and know that they will recover; I want to rid people of their personal demons that have them bound. I want to speak in New Tongues. I want to see my lost loved ones saved. Jesus didn't come into the world to condemn it, but that through Him, the world might be saved. That is my desire. I want to not only see, but participate in the upcoming "Revival." In order for these desires of mine to become reality, I must practice these five keys. The more that practice is valued by us who are practicing, the more intense is the relationship we have with our creator.

My schedule of the keys varies on the time of year and time of the week I am presently involved in. Remember, this is NOT A FORMULA—it is merely a suggestion that seems to work for me. Again, this will not work for everyone, but I want to lay out my schedule in front of you, so that you can tweak it and make it your own. That is my whole desire in this letter. To teach you and show you that this is something you can do,

right now, in order to get closer to God. And I don't know anyone right now who doesn't want that.

Here is my daily schedule for the University of Edification:

3:00 a.m.-3:30 a.m.—Get up, get ready for the day.

3:30 a.m.-4:00 a.m.—WORSHIP

4:00 a.m.-4:30 a.m.—CONFESS THE WORD

4:30 a.m.-5:30 a.m.—PRAY IN TONGUES

5:30 a.m.-6:30 a.m.—MEDITATE THE WORD

6:30 a.m.-7:30 a.m.—Daily Scripture Reading (see last month's Pastor's Study)

If more time is available, I use Saturdays and Sundays or after I come home from work, to listen to a "teaching" from someone in our vein of doctrine. For example: Dave Roberson, Charlie Rogers, Gary Carpenter, and others.

I know, I know—I did not list a schedule time for fasting. That is something that you can do while you are doing these other keys. The main thing is that you fast. There are a variety of fasts and times of fasting, but that is totally up to you and your spiritual walk. We have many teachings available on fasting on our website. Click on those and enjoy.

I hope this helps you to start, right now, in participating in these five keys. Don't let this become "law"; if you miss a day or two, God is not going to punish you. Remember, it is all about change. He embraces your *change*, not the hours you spend changing. How long do you need for your own University of Edification? That depends on how messed up you think you are! As in all things, start small, after you start seeing

how this is such a blessing, look out 24-hour clock, look out! Besides all this, your day will be totally blessed. I guarantee it!

In His Service,

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