

**Sermon Quotes**  
**July 29, 2007**  
**Living in the Good of the Gospel**  
**Healthy Expectations for Quiet Times 2**

**John 6:28-29** Then they said to him, “What must we do, to be doing the works of God?” Jesus answered them, “**This** is the work of God, that you **believe in him** whom he has sent.”

*“We are a doing people. We always want to be doing something...A time will come when the doing will be called for, but we cannot skip the relationship. The relationship with God must come first.”*

—Henry Blackaby

**Jeremiah 9:23-24** Thus says the LORD: “Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, (24) but **let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me...**”

**Healthy Expectation # 1** - We must see our Quiet Times not as a work we do *for* God, but as a time to receive *from* God.

**Healthy Expectation # 2** – In our Quiet Times we seek to Know God, not necessarily feel God.

**Healthy Expectation # 3** – When measuring our growth or progress in our Devotional Life, it’s better to **measure in terms of months**, not days or even weeks.

**Mark 4:30-32** ESV And he (Jesus) said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God (the rule and reign of God), or what parable shall we use for it? It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

**Colossians 1:9-10** “And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be **filled with the knowledge of his will** in all spiritual wisdom and understanding ...bearing fruit in every good work **and increasing in the knowledge of God.**”