

How to avoid spiritually dry periods in your life

1. "Be killing sin, or sin will be killing you." - John Owen

Romans 8:13 *"by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body you will live"*

Galatians 5:16 *"walk by the Spirit and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh"*

Hebrews 3:12-13

Hebrews 12:15 "root of bitterness.... No place for repentance"

-Learn the difference between justification/sanctification.

-Become an oak tree not a cattail.

2. Pursue great thoughts about Jesus Christ

"He is the radiance of His glory"

"For the joy set before Him"

Ephesians 1:18-19 "I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened"

Ephesians 3:17-19 "what is the breadth and length and height and depth"

Ex. Hebrews 5:7-8 "He learned obedience from the things which He suffered"

You can prefer Christ to sin

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3. Read Christian biographies

Hebrews 12:1 NASBS

Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us

Hebrews 13:7

Remember those who led you, who spoke the word of God to you; and considering the result of their conduct, imitate their faith.

-Reading biographies reminds you that no believer is a superhero and they all tremendously needed God's grace.

Ex, desiring God articles daily, reading for pleasure vs reading to study/teach

4. Delight yourself in God

Proverbs 23:26-27 NASBS

Give me your heart, my son, And let your eyes delight in my ways. For a harlot is a deep pit And an adulterous woman is a narrow well.

Substitute harlot/adulterous woman for any sin that allures you. Don't fall for the trap and lie and promise sin offers, instead let your eyes delight in God's ways.

Psalms 27:4 NASBS

One thing I have asked from the LORD, that I shall seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the LORD And to meditate in His temple.

Matthew 17:4 NASBS

Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here;"

Romans 5:5 NASBS

the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

5. Become more involved

"not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near. " Hebrews 10:25

If you are a believer, you are already a member of the global church, the body of Christ. I highly recommend you become a part of a local church somewhere, and find something to do.

Even if you don't think you will stay with that local church after high school or college, to mature you need a body of believers to watch over you.

Your gift is also desperately needed in your local assembly.

In all this, an active prayer life, daily reading the bible and pressing onto maturity.

Ex. Peter talked to Jesus more than any other disciple, and Jesus talked to Peter more than any other disciple.

Ask questions as you read the Bible and God will provide an answer. Seek hard after Him.

Believe His promises.

Make every effort to figure out and cultivate your spiritual gift.