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I recently revisited Joyce Meyer's old but timeless teachings on getting your day started right. She is one of the ministers of the Word of God that have helped shape my spiritual walk over the years. Years ago, God used her teachings to help me set and keep my mind set about certain things, a practice that has made all the difference in my life. One of those practices is seeking God early.

We can seek God any time of day, we even seek Him throughout the day, but there's something about seeking God early in the morning. Some people say they are not morning people, and that's okay. But whenever you get up - even if it is 1pm in the afternoon, that's your morning. Whenever you start your day, start it with God. We need to do some things on purpose, make some decisions early.

Make some decisions early in the morning. Prophecy your future at the start of your day. Call forth things that are not as though they are. Expect something good to happen to you and through you today. Set your mind to enjoy your day early in the morning. Declare, *"This is the day that the Lord has made, I will rejoice and be glad."*

Decide ahead of time to give your all to your endeavors, and to live to please God.

Make up your mind early that whatever comes your way, you will remain at peace. Set up your mind that you can do all things through Christ who strengthens you. Decide ahead of time that no matter what comes in your day, you are equal to anything through Christ who infuses inner strength in you.

Get your day started right by seeking God first. The Bible is full of it. David rose up early and sought the Lord. Jacob rose up early and sought the Lord. Abraham rose up early and sought the Lord. David rose up early the day he slay Goliath. You are not going to kill your giants lying in bed, hitting the snooze button.

Rise up early and seek God because he is your manna. Jesus is the bread of life that we need today. The Israelites got up early and collected their manna. That stuff came down early and

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you couldn't wait for it to melt because you weren't getting anything until the next day. They got up, got their jars and went out and collected it early.

You have a packed day ahead of you? Are you feeling overwhelmed by your work? Get up early and seek the Lord before you get tangled up with the busyness of the day. *They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and they shall not faint!*

If this early thing is not important, if getting things right with God first thing you get up - whenever your morning is, is not important, then they wouldn't say it all over the Bible.

David rose up early to seek God, to place his life before Him. Early in the morning when hope is loudest, when newness is represented across the universe, David prayed. Jonah waited until he was in the belly of the whale to finally cry out to God for salvation. Don't wait until the middle or the end of a harsh season to inquire of God. Seek Him early.

Get the difficult stuff over with early. Abraham rose up early the morning God asked him to sacrifice his son. Get up early in the morning and take care of the hard tasks, get them out of the way first. Don't let some job that you have to do threaten you all day and make you dread the day. If you dislike working out, get up and do it early and get over and done with it.

Jesus rose up early as was His habit and sought the Lord on the day He was arrested. He was so distressed over what He was going to endure He sweat blood. As He prayed, angels came and strengthened Him. Jesus had asked his disciples to pray that they wouldn't fall into temptation but they fell asleep. Peter denied Jesus 3 times that day.

Pray ahead of time that when temptation comes, you won't fall into it. If food is a temptation for you, don't wait until you've already eaten half a plate of cake or 3 plates of food at a go then pray. Pray about it all the time. Pray about it in the morning. If telling white lies is a temptation for you, don't wait until you've told one then pray. Set your mind early in the morning by praying about it.

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Seek Him early. Don't even seek Him for things, just seek His face. And He will see to it that all the other things that you need are added to you.

For His Glory,

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