**Private Prayer**

*And when they had prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken.*

**Matthew 14:23**

After He had sent the crowds away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray; and when it was evening, He was there alone.

**Mark 1:35**

In the early morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house, and went away to a secluded place, and was praying there.

**Mark 6:46**

After bidding them farewell, He left for the mountain to pray.

**Luke 5:16**

But Jesus Himself would often slip away to the wilderness and pray.

**Luke 6:12**

It was at this time that He went off to the mountain to pray, and He spent the whole night in prayer to God.

**Acts 10:9**

On the next day, as they were on their way and approaching the city, Peter went up on the housetop about the sixth hour to pray.

**Private Prayer**

**1. Establish a goal or commitment on how much you will work at praying.**

**2. Establish a particular time of day that you are going to pray.**

**3. Establish a particular place you are going to pray.**

**4. Have a prayer notebook with requests in it and journal about answers. Keep good records of when you pray and for how long.**

**5. Experiment with different lengths of times to pray.**

**6. Try and do some praying on your knees.**

**7. Work at learning the discipline and skill of praying scripture.**

**8. If you have a hard time concentrating for very long, experiment at writing your prayers.**

**9. In your plans, goals, and commitments be flexible, but don’t be undisciplined and lazy.**

**10. Start relatively easy on length and frequency of your private prayer time, but press on to a growing commitment and sacrifice of prayer with God.**