

## HOW'S YOUR SOUL? #Satisfied #Healthy #Fulfilled

How to have a #QuietSoul when life is so LOUD and FAST

Lord, my heart is not proud; my eyes are not haughty. I don't concern myself with matters too great or too awesome for me to grasp. Instead, I have calmed and quieted myself (My Soul), like a weaned child who no longer cries for its mother's milk. Yes, like a weaned child is my soul within me. O Israel, put your hope in the Lord— now and always. **Psalm 131:1-3 (NLT)** 

To have a quiet soul, I must:

1. Intentionally choose to allow myself to be <u>OUT</u> of <u>control</u>. (<u>God's</u> got it)

Lord, my heart is not proud; my eyes are not haughty. (vs. 1)

..."Only in returning to me and resting in me will you be saved. In quietness and confidence is your strength..." Isaiah 30:15 (NLT)

2. Embrace, and fall in love with, <u>not</u> having to know it <u>all</u>.

I don't concern myself with matters too great or too awesome for me to grasp. (vs. 1)

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths. **Proverbs 3:5-6 (ESV)** 

3. Intentionally <u>rest</u> in who I am, what I am, and what He has done for me.

*Instead* (of trying to control everything, instead of trying to know it all), *I have calmed and quieted myself* (I am intentionally balancing out and quieting my soul), *like a weaned child who no longer cries for its mother's milk. Yes, like a weaned child is my soul within me. (vs. 2)* 

**Going deeper on your own.** One of the greatest ways to quiet our souls is to worship God. Listed below are fifteen songs written by different authors found in the book of Psalms. As an exercise of quieting our soul, over the next fifteen days, choose to get up fifteen minutes earlier and choose to intentionally get alone with God and read one of these songs out loud. After the fifteen days is over write a song of your own. Write about what He has done for you, what He means to you, and how much you love Him. Then write Pastor Jay and tell him what this has meant to you. The Song of Ascent (along with their themes) offers much encouragement for those who seek to worship God today:

Psalm 120: God's presence during distress Psalm 121: Joyful praise to the Lord Psalm 122: Prayer for God's homeland Psalm 123: Patience for God's mercy Psalm 124: Help comes from the Lord Psalm 125: Prayer for God's blessing upon His people Psalm 126: The Lord has done great things Psalm 127: God's blessing on man's efforts Psalm 128: Joy for those who follow God's ways Psalm 129: A cry for help to the Lord Psalm 130: A prayer of repentance Psalm 131: Surrender as a child to the Lord Psalm 132: God's sovereign plan for His people Psalm 133: Praise of brotherly fellowship and unity Psalm 134: Praise to God in His temple Your personal Psalm....