

SPIRITUAL BATTERIES

Scripture Reading: Philippians 3:12-14

Introduction:

1. E.g. -The alternator keeps the battery charged
2. We must desire to keep our spiritual batteries charged
3. How do we take what we learn at camp and apply it to the rest of the year?

I. TAKE TIME TO BE HOLY

A. WE TAKE A WEEK OFF FROM THE WORLD

1. We take our minds off the hustle of everyday life
2. We focus our minds on what truly matters; God

B. JESUS TOOK TIME OUT ALSO

1. He took time to pray -Mk 1:35
2. He took time with His disciples -Mk 6:31-34

II. STUDY THE WORD

A. WE CAN ONLY KNOW GOD THROUGH HIS WORD

B. THE WORD IS OUR SPIRITUAL MILK -1Pe 2:2

C. THE WORD IS OUR SPIRITUAL MEAT -He 5:12-14

III. WORSHIP GOD

A. ALL OTHER THOUGHT ARE PUT OUT OF OUR MIND

1. At camp we have evening devotionals
 - a. Flashlights are off; minds are focused on God
 - b. Being out in nature is a great place to praise God
2. We can focus our minds the same in worship -block all else out

B. WHAT WE FOCUS UPON

1. God's great love seen through sacrifice -Ro 5:6-8
2. Focus on the instructive words of the songs -E.g. "Yield not to Temptation"

IV. FELLOWSHIP

A. WE ARE NOT ALONE -E.g. Elijah -1Ki 19:18

B. WE ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER -He 10:24, 25

C. WE HAVE FUN TOGETHER

1. Enjoying a meal together
2. Playing sports
3. It teaches the young and reminds us that the Christian life is the greatest one can live!

Conclusion:

1. The devil's goal is to cause us to feel rundown spiritually.
2. When we put these various actions into our daily practice, we will never grow stale.