



"GOOD INTENTIONS" (NEGLECTING THE WORD and PRAYER)

Characters: Narrator
Neglectful Nelly
Giant (standing on a stool to appear as a giant)(representing the enemy)
Quiet Time - person who whispers, representing the gentle call to spend time with the Lord); Wears sign "Quiet Time" and stands by table with Bible and prayer journal.

Props: Table with Bible and prayer journal set up; smart phone

Theme: Confronting the giants of Neglecting the Word and Prayer

SCRIPT

Narrator: Psalms 143:8 says "Cause me to hear Your lovingkindness in the morning, For in You do I trust; Cause me to know the way in which I should walk, For I lift up my soul to You." It is easy to have good intentions. We plan to have a quiet time, read the Bible, pray, meditate on His Word. What a great way to start out our day. He gives strength and guidance, and prepares us for what is ahead.

Neglectful Nelly: (*stretching and yawning*) Oh, morning already! I don't think I got my eight hours last night, and I do need my beauty sleep. But "this is the day that the Lord has made! I will rejoice and be glad in it!"

Quiet Time: (*low voice*) Come on over here. What a great way to start off this day-- with your quiet time: Reading the Word, praising God and praying.

Giant: (*nodding emphatic "no"*)

Neglectful Nelly: (*looking at her phone*) Oh, my goodness! I already have three texts! (*putting on glasses while yawning*) My meeting has been moved up to 9:30, and Martha wants me to pick her up on my way to church. And I need to pick up snacks, too! I'd better wake up get my shower! I don't have any time to spare.

Quiet Time: (*low voice*) Take a few minutes over here. Your day will go better....

Giant: (*nodding emphatic "no"*)

Neglectful Nelly: I have 25 minutes to get my shower and put on my makeup and dress. Yikes! I'll have to do my quiet time later when I get home.

Giant: Later, later...no time now. That's a great excuse.



Neglectful Nelly: It is a good excuse. This meeting is at church, anyway. The Lord doesn't care when I do my quiet time. Mornings are always hard.

Giant: That's right. The Lord understands.... If He wanted you up early in the morning, He would have made you an "early bird."

Neglectful Nelly: (*pointing to Quiet Time*) I'll be back; we have a date at lunch time. (*walks out of room, then returns*)

Neglectful Nelly: That meeting lasted an hour longer than it was supposed to! I should have been home by 11:00 and now it's almost past lunch time!

Quiet Time: (*low voice*) Can we meet now? I missed you this morning. You need to take time to be still...

Neglectful Nelly: I fully intended to get my chapters read this morning. I was looking forward to my time in the Word. And I have so many things that I need to pray about, so many people on my heart. I'm glad the Lord knows what I have need of.

Giant: That's right. He knows. Why take your precious time to pray? He already knows everything. And He knows you have good intentions... (*snidely*) and I know where good intentions will lead you...

Neglectful Nelly: I have a luncheon date planned at 1:00. That only gives me about 15 minutes before I need to leave.

Quiet Time: (*low voice*) Fifteen minutes is better than nothing....

Neglectful Nelly: I can't have a good quiet time in fifteen minutes. That would be an insult to the Lord. I would barely get two chapters read, if that. I'm going to set aside some time before I have to fix dinner...

Giant: (*sarcastic*) Good idea. We know you're never busy around dinner time.

(*Neglectful Nelly walks out of room, then returns*)

Neglectful Nelly: Man, that was an intense lunch. I didn't know my sweet friend was having so many problems. I didn't know what to say to her.

Quiet Time: (*low voice*) You might have been better prepared if you had spent time with me....

Neglectful Nelly: I know, I know. I wasn't prepared to minister to her, because I felt kind of dry myself.



Giant: You would have had your quiet time if you could have. You're just in a busy season of life. You have a good excuse. And you go to church every week-at least you're not neglecting that!

Quiet Time: *(low, pleading voice)* No, you know you need personal time here. God wants to speak to your heart and minister to you when you are quiet before Him and in His Word. Sitting in church is not a substitute for your time with Him.

Neglectful Nelly: Hey! The day's not over. I'm sure I'll have time this evening. I just need to make dinner. I'll get to it.

(Neglectful Nelly walks out of room, then returns)

Neglectful Nelly: Well, dinner was not all that pleasant. My husband seemed like he wanted to pick a fight. I just didn't have it in me to keep responding lovingly.

Quiet Time: *(low voice)* Time in the Word and Prayer helps you to be continually filled with the Holy Spirit, and He can give you the power to respond in a godly way. Maybe now would be a good time to spend time here...

Giant: *(nodding an emphatic "no")*

Neglectful Nelly: I'm just not in the mood for a quiet time right now. I don't think I could concentrate. And I already feel bad about those sharp answers I gave my husband. I don't want to hear what God says about it.

Giant: You're right! More guilt and condemnation...who needs it? Better to just veg out in front of the TV tonight. Turn your brain off. Tomorrow's a new day!

Quiet Time: *(low voice)* OR you could come confess and be cleansed...

Narrator: What will you choose to do?