# Fitness and Wellness for the Called Worker

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#### Hero's of Faith and Fitness: Moses

Deuteronomy 34:7 Moses was 120 years old when he died and his eyes were not weak nor his strength gone.
Why:

- He walked- A lot once he climbed Mt. Sinai twice in a
  day
- His diet: for over 40 years he ate lean protein and whole grains with a natural sweetener. He drank water. So did his "congregation."
- He was very busy, however he took advice and learned to delegate and trust others.
- 4. God had work for him to complete

### Heroes of Faith and Wellness: Daniel

Daniel 1:8 Now Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine, and he asked permission not to defile himself this way.

- 1. Daniel's health improved as a result of the stand he took for his faith.
- 2. He also spoke up for his fellow believers. He was a trendsetter and a leader.
- 3. God Blessed him for his leadership



#### Jesus

- Jesus Walked everywhere Jesus ate fish, whole grains, natural breads, olives, figs and drank water and wine
- **Christ had walking meetings**
- Jesus walked away from his work to de-stress





# Jesus - "Fitness Walks."

From Jerusalem to:

Bethany – 2 miles
Bethlehem – 6 miles
Bethphage – 1 miles
Caesarea – 57 miles
Caesarea Philippi – 105 miles
Capernaum – 85 miles
Dead Sea – 6 miles
Emmaus – 16 miles
Jordan River – 21 miles
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Mediterranean Sea – 37 miles
Salim – 50 miles
Samaria – 36 miles
Sea of Galilee – 70 miles

Did his walking time mean he didn't accomplish what he needed in his ministry?

## How does Wellness Fit into God's Plan for Me-Justification

- Math: 3.5 hours of exercise a week over 50 years equals 9100 hours.
- If "we have the strength" to serve an additional 5 years = 10,000 hours (based on 50 weeks at 40 hours a week)
- When one is in optimal health productivity is greater.

## Carving out a Routine

- Treat exercise as an appointment enter your workout in your planner.
- Your best bet is early a.m.
- Involve a parishioner
- Mix it up- routes
- Mix it up types of exercise and diet
- Get outside
- A gym may be a mission field!

#### Sample Routine Tuesday Thurs. Treadmil sermon walk or practice-45 min. 15 min walk or family hike or Strength Cardio Training 45 min. Strength Cardio 45 min. Strength 20 min bike, CC ski etc. Cardio 15 min. Cardio 15 min. 15 min Family Exercise 30 min. walk walk fitness walk 30 min.

#### Nutrition

- Calorie needs are based on <u>current</u> activity level.
   Make your and your families nutritional goals known immediately upon arriving at your congregation.
   Be a trendsetter in your congregation. Bring fruit and treatables to event.
- Discourage the perception that each event held in your congregation must have a *treat*.
- congregation must nave a *treat*. Buck northern European ideas of what one should bring to "church events." Does one risk shunning if twice the volume of food needed isn't served? Exceptions are that. It is not your family's job to save potentially "wasted" junk food by habitually bringing the donuts etc. home. Say "I am a borderline type 2 diabetic." However you now risk being inundated with pallets of bars made with splenda.

# A Seminary Fitness Room Tour

- S.A.I.D. specific adaptation to imposed demands. The demand must be great enough to force/cause an adaptation.
- Strength training is essential. If you are sedentary you will loose up to 5 # of muscle a decade. 20 years = 10 lbs. 60cal vs. 3 cal= 600-30=570 cal a day.
- Cardiovascular exercise- make it count- work at a perceived exertion of 7-8 out of 10.

#### Resources

- Livestrong.com my daily plate a free calorie calculator and intake tracker.
- fastandyou.com I am happy to answer brief questions.
- Eat, Drink and Be Healthy by M.D. Walter C. Willett.

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