

FOUNDATIONS

Track One : Believer to Disciple

Lesson 07 : God's Word

This lesson is designed to teach us the inherent power in His Word and motivate us to make His Word continually reside in our heart and mouth.



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1. God's Word Is The Foundation Of Our Faith

1.1. All Scripture is 'God Breathed'

2 Timothy 3:15,16

¹⁵ And that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

¹⁶ All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

2 Peter 1:20,21

²⁰ knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation,

²¹ for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

1.2. The Scriptures-Our Window Into God

Psalms 119:18

¹⁸ Open my eyes, that I may see wondrous things from your law.

The Scriptures provide insight into the living God revealing the nature, the character, the attributes and the heart of God. We find insight into who God is, what He does, His feelings and His desires. Any relationship is based on knowledge. Therefore to have a deep and close relationship with the living God, one can know Him intimately as revealed in the Scriptures.

1.3. The Scriptures-Our Standard

Psalms 119:133

¹³³ Direct my steps by your Word, and let no iniquity have dominion over me.

1.4. The Scriptures-Our Authority

Psalms 119:101

¹⁰¹ I have restrained my feet from every evil way, that I may keep your Word.

1.5. The Scriptures-Produce Faith

Romans 10:17

17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

1.6. We Must Move From Revelation To Action

James 1:22,25

²² But be doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

²⁵ But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

2. God's Word : It's Purity And Power

2.1. God Exalts His Word Even Above His Name

Psalm 138:2

² I will worship toward your holy temple, and praise your name for your loving kindness and your truth; for you have magnified your Word above all your name.

2.2. His Word Is Pure

John 17:17

¹⁷ Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

Numbers 23:19

¹⁹ God is not a man, that He should lie, nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do?
Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?

Psalm 12:6

⁶ The words of the LORD are pure words, like silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.

2.3. His Word Is Power

Hebrews 4:12

¹² For the Word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerned of the thought and intents of the heart.

Hebrews 11:3

³ By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the Word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.

Hebrews 1: 3

³ Who [Jesus] being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the Word of His power.

3. God's Word: The Miracle Seed

The Parable of the Sower Mark 4:1-20

- ◆ God's Word is like seed (Mark 4:14). [The Word of God often refers to itself as a seed. There are a total of forty-four verses in the New Testament where the Greek word "sperma" was translated "seed." This is the same word from which we derive our English word 'sperm.'](#)
- ◆ Our heart is the ground where the seed of God's Word is to be sown (Mark 4:15).
- ◆ The seed must be protected and nurtured if it is to produce fruit.

- ◆ We must understand the Word (i.e., get an understanding of spiritual truth) to keep satan from stealing the Word (Matthew 13:19).
- ◆ Regardless of what hardship or persecution we face—from the world or the devil— we must hold fast to the Word and allow it to take root in our hearts, so that it can produce (Mark 4:16,17).
- ◆ We must guard our hearts from the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches and the lust for other things. When we do so, we are providing a suitable 'environment' for the Word to produce (Mark 4:19).
- ◆ When we understand (Matthew 13:23), receive (Mark 4:20) and retain (Luke 8:15) the Word in our hearts, we will bring forth fruit in our lives.

3.1. The Seed Is The Word Of God

Luke 8:11

¹¹ Now the parable is this: The seed is the Word of God.

3.2. God's Word Has Been Designed To Produce

Isaiah 55:10,11

¹⁰ For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

¹¹ So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

1 Thessalonians 2:13

¹³ For this reason we also thank God without ceasing because when you received the Word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the Word of men, but as it is in truth, the Word of God which also effectively works in you who believe.

4. Meditating In God's Word

Joshua 1:8

⁸ This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

Meditation is essentially an activity of the human spirit that reaches the soul (the seat of thought, intellect, imagination, feeling and will) and affects the physical body. For the purposes of instruction, we would like to summarize the process of meditation by using three Words:

- Contemplation - Thinking within yourself
- Visualization - Seeing with your mind's eye
- Confession - Saying what God says

4.1. Contemplation - Thinking Within Yourself

Psalm 143:5

⁵ I remember the days of old; I meditate on all Your works; I muse on the work of Your hands.

4.2. Visualization - Seeing With Your Mind's Eye

Proverbs 4:20-22

²⁰ My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings.

²¹ Do not let them depart from your eyes; Keep them in the midst of your heart;

²² For they are life to those who find them, And health to all their flesh.

4.3. Confession - Saying What God Says

Deuteronomy 30:11-14

¹¹“For this commandment which I command you today is not too mysterious for you, nor is it far off.

¹² It is not in heaven, that you should say, ‘Who will ascend into heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?’

¹³ Nor is it beyond the sea, that you should say, ‘Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?’

¹⁴ But the word is very near you, in your mouth and in your heart, that you may do it.

4.4. Developing The Discipline Of Reading And Meditating In God's Word

Psalm 1:1-3

¹Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful;

²but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates day and night.

³He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper.

- Set aside time regularly, daily is preferable, to read God's Word
- Meditate on what you read
- Choose a set of Scriptures on a particular theme that you feel you need to strengthen yourself in (e.g. Healing, Provision, Prayer, etc.) and meditate on those Scriptures
- Listen as often as you can to God's Word being preached (e.g. when travelling) using MP3 downloads.

5. Application

1, God's Word is the standard and final authority - How would I apply this in every day life?

2, God's Word is the miracle seed - How does this change my approach to reading the Word?

3, How can I develop the practice of meditating in God's Word?

6. Reflection

1, Are there areas where I feel I question the purity and power of God's Word? In what areas and why?

2, How can I come to a place where I embrace God's Word as truth, and dislocate anything that hinders that in my life?