

The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. **John:6:63 (NIV)**

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any double edged sword. It penetrates to even dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

Hebrews 4:12 (NIV)

1. THE BIBLE COMES ALIVE WITH FAITH

For we also have had the good news proclaimed to us, just as they did; but the message they heard was of no value to them, because they did not share the faith of those who obeyed. **Hebrews 4:2 (NIV)**

2. REVELATION ACTIVATES YOUR FAITH

3. MEDITATION ACTIVATES REVELATION

Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. **Joshua 1:8 (NIV)**

BUILDING MY LIFE ON THE WORD

1. I MUST ACCEPT ITS AUTHORITY.

We also thank God continually because, when you received the Word of God which you heard from us, you accepted it, not as the word of men, but actually as it is, the Word of God, which is at work in you who believe. **1 Thessalonians 2:13 (NIV)**

2. I MUST ASSIMILATE ITS TRUTHS.

- By listening to God's Word.

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. **Romans 10:17 (NKJV)**

Therefore consider carefully how you listen... **Luke 8:18 (NIV)**

- By reading God's Word.

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" **Matthew 4:4 (NIV)**

- By exploring God's Word.

I have hidden Your word in my heart, that I might not sin against You. **Psalms 119:11 (NIV)**

3. I MUST APPLY ITS PRINCIPLES.

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. **James 1:22 (NIV)**

THIS WEEK'S READING:

JAN 1: LUKE 5:27-39; GEN. 1:1-2:25; PS. 1

JAN 2: LUKE 6:1-26; GEN. 3-5; PS. 2

JAN 3: LUKE 6:27-49; GEN. 6:1-7:24; PS. 3

JAN 4: LUKE 7:1-17; GEN. 8-10; PS. 4

JAN 5: LUKE 7:18-50; GEN. 11; PS. 5

JAN 6: LUKE 8:1-25; GEN. 12; PS. 6

JAN 7: LUKE 8:26-56; GEN. 13:1-14:24; PS. 7

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