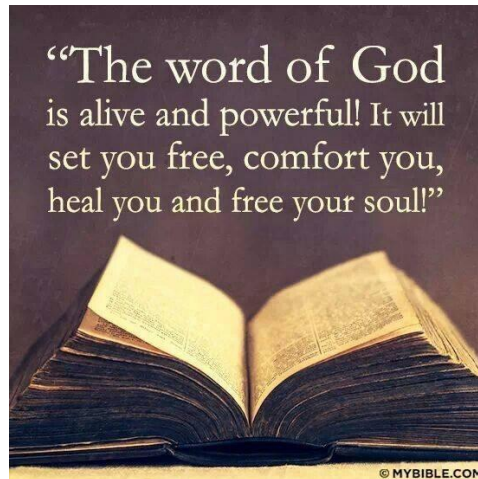


The 'WORKING' Word (also titled: The "Eyes" of God's Word are upon you)



Hebrews 4:12

For the Word of God is quick and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. (KJV)

Hebrews 4:12-13 The Message (MSG)

¹²⁻¹³ God means what he says. What he says goes. His powerful Word is sharp as a surgeon's scalpel, cutting through everything, whether doubt or defense, laying us open to listen and obey. Nothing and no one is impervious to God's Word. We can't get away from it—no matter what.

Hebrews 4:12-13 Young's Literal Translation (YLT)

¹² for the reckoning of God is living, and working, and sharp above every two-edged sword, and piercing unto the dividing asunder both of soul and spirit, of joints also and marrow, and a discerner of thoughts and intents of the heart;

‘For the Word of God’: God's Word has diagnosed your illness with a surgeon's precision.

When the **Word of God** has diagnosed your illness/infirmity, it demonstrates the inherent power, sharpness, and accuracy of the **Word of God**.

As we submit ourselves to the **Word of God**, we do it for more than intellectual knowledge, the learning of facts. We do it for the ministry of the Word, because God meets us in His Word, and the *Holy Spirit* works powerfully through the **Word of God**.

Let us consider just what the Word of God says it will do in our lives:

1. God's Word brings true health, fruitfulness, prosperity and success to the things we do.

Psalm 1:1-3

The Message

1 How well God must like you—

you don't walk in the ruts of those blind-as-bats,

you don't stand with the good-for-nothings,
you don't take your seat among the know-it-alls.
2-3 Instead you thrill to God's Word,
you chew on Scripture day and night.
You're a tree replanted in Eden,
bearing fresh fruit every month,
Never dropping a leaf,
always in blossom.
4-5 You're not at all like the wicked,
who are mere windblown dust—
Without defense in court,
unfit company for innocent people.
6 God charts the road you take.
The road they take leads to nowhere.

2. The Word of God has healing power; it has the power to deliver us from oppression.

King James Version

Psalm 107:20 He sent His word and healed them,
And delivered them from their destructions (pits).

Matthew 8:8 The centurion answered and said: speak the Word only and my servant shall be healed.

Matthew 8:16 When evening was come they brought to him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirit with his word and healed all that were sick.

3. God's Word is a cleansing agent (of bodily ailments) - if we take heed according to God's Word, our way will be cleansed.

Psalm 119:9 How shall a young man cleanse his way (of sickness and disease)? By taking heed according to Thy Word.

John 15:3 Now you are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

Ephesians 5:26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it (His Body) by the washing of water by the Word.

4. God's Word is our counselor; as we delight in God's Word, it becomes a rich source of counsel and guidance for us.

Psalm 119:24 Thy testimonies also are my delight and my counselors.

5. God's Word is a source of strength.

Psalm 119:28 My soul melts for heaviness: strengthen me according to Thy word.

6. God's Word imparts life to us. It is a continual source of life for us.

Psalm 119:93 I will never forget Thy precepts: for with them Thou hast quickened me.

7. God's Word is a source of illumination and guidance to us. When God's word comes in, so does light; it makes the simple wise and understanding.

Psalm 119:105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Psalm 119:130 The entrance of Thy words giveth light: it giveth understanding unto the simple.

8. God's Word gives peace to those who love it; they are secure, standing in a safe place.

Psalm 119:165 Great peace have they that love Thy law and in nothing shall they be offended.

9. When the Word of God is heard and understood, it bears fruit.

Matthew 13:23 He that received seed into good ground is he that heareth the word and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit and bringeth forth, some and hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

10. The Word of God has inherent power and authority against demonic powers.

Luke 4:36 And they were all amazed and spake among themselves saying, What a word is this! for with authority and power he commandeth the unclean spirits and they come out.

11. Jesus Himself - His eternal person - is described as the Word. When we are into the Word of God, we are into Jesus.

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God.

12. Hearing God's Word is essential to eternal life.

John 5:24 Verily, verily I say unto you, he that heareth my word and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation but is passed from death unto life.

1 Peter 1:23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God which liveth and abideth forever.

13. Abiding - living in - God's Word is evidence of true discipleship.

John 8:31&32 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him: if you continue in my word, then are you

my disciples indeed and you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.

14. God's Word is the means to sanctification.

John 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

15. God can do dramatic works through the Holy Spirit as His Word is being preached.

Acts 10:44 While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.

16. Hearing God's Word builds faith in us.

Romans 10:17 So then faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God.

17. Holding fast to the Word of God can give us present assurance of salvation (healing, preservation, provision, protection, soundness of mind).

1 Corinthians 15:1 Brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also you have received and wherein you stand.

18. The Word of God is our sword of the Spirit - it is our equipment for spiritual battle, especially in the idea of an offensive weapon.

Ephesians 6:17 And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.

19. The Word of God comes with the power of the Holy Spirit, a critical aspect of the ministry of the Word.

1 Thessalonians 1:5 For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Ghost and in much assurance.

20. The Word of God works effectively in those who believe.
1 Thessalonians 2:13 For this cause also we thank God without ceasing: that when you received the word of God which you heard of us, you received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectively works also in you that believe.

21. The Word of God sanctifies the very food we eat!
1 Timothy 4:4&5 For every creature of God is good and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving.

22. The Word of God is our source of growth.
1 Peter 2:2 Desire the sincere milk of the word that you may grow thereby.

‘The Word of God Is living and powerful’: The Bible isn't a collection of musty stories and myths. It has an *inherent* life and power. The preacher doesn't make the Bible "come alive." The Bible *is* alive, and gives life to the preacher and anyone else who will really receive it.

In Hebrews 4:13 the 'him' in most translations is 'God'. Read in the King James version, if we were diagramming Hebrews 4:12 & 13, **the Word would be the subject who is in action in these two verses, just as the Word is the subject in John 1:1-4.**

Making the Word the subject then in verse 13, it would read:
"Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in the sight
of the Word: but all things are naked and opened unto the
eyes of the Word with whom we have to do."

Let us look at these two verses with the Word of God as the
'leading character' of the drama:

The Word of God is: quick and powerful

The Word of God is: sharper than a two edged sword.

The Word of God: divides soul and spirit

The Word of God is: a discerner of the thoughts and intents of
the heart.

The Word of God sees all creation and created beings.

There is nothing about your sickness/disease/infirmity that the
Word of God does not know about or is unable to heal.

The Word of God is your ever-present Source of Help.

The Holy Spirit is IN the Word.
The Holy Spirit confirms the Word.
The Holy Spirit performs the Word.

