

Pre-Study: The Word of God

What is the role of the Word of God in our lives?

1. Matthew 4:4, Ps. 119:10, Rom. 10:17 (Daily Life in the Word)

"But he answered, 'It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God"' Mat. 4:4

Psalms 119:10 "Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path".

Rom. 10:17 Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ

Application: God's Word sustains us and guides us spiritually. God's Word increases our faith. We need it every day!

2. 2 Timothy 3:16–17

16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Application: God's Word will change our lives, train us, and prepare us to do his work!

3. Heb. 4: 12-13

12 For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. 13 Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Application: God's word is a sharp, penetrating tool that convicts us of sin to bring repentance.

4. 1 Timothy 4: 16

Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.

Application: What we believe (doctrine) and how we live must be watched closely!

5. John 8: 31– 32

31 To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. 32 Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

Application: We are set free as we follow through with obedience to the teachings of Jesus.

6. Mark 7: 5-9

5 So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, "Why don't your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with defiled hands?"

6 He replied, "Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written:

*"These people honor me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me.*

7 They worship me in vain;
their teachings are merely human rules.'

Application: Human rules (traditions) should not interfere with obeying God's Word.

7. John 12: 47-48

47 "If anyone hears my words but does not keep them, I do not judge that person. For I did not come to judge the world, but to save the world. 48 There is a judge for the one who rejects me and does not accept my words; the very words I have spoken will condemn them at the last day.

Application:

- A) Jesus came to save us by his life, death, resurrection, and his teachings!
- B) We will be judged on the last day by whether or not we accepted his words.

Final Applications:

Do you have faith that the Bible is the Word of God?

Are you choosing to live by the Word of God?

Will you spend daily time in his Word?