

John 15 "The Word Alive in Me, Part 3"
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- **What we believe determines who we are and what we do**

(1 Timothy 4:16 NIV) "Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers."

(John 15:7 NIV) "If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you."

- 1) The Word of God is living itself
- 2) When we are in the Word, we are into Jesus
- 3) The Word alive in our hearts keeps us from sin
- 4) God's Word is our personal counselor
- 5) The Word is ALL true and never changes
- 6) The Word reveals to us our loving Heavenly Father
- 7) The Word is always effective

- **8) The Word brings fruitfulness, prosperity, and success**

(Jeremiah 17:8 NIV) "He will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit."

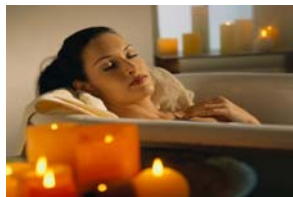


- **Stability**

(Ephesians 5:26 NLT) "to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God's word."

- **Fruitfulness (in God's time)**
- **Endurance**
- **Ongoing prosperity**

Meditation – soaking our minds and hearts in the Word



- **9) The Word of God has healing power**

(Matthew 8:5-10 NIV) "When Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, asking for help. "Lord," he said, "my servant lies at home paralyzed and in terrible suffering." Jesus said to him, "I will go and heal him." The centurion replied, "Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard this, he was astonished and said to those following him, "I tell you the truth, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith."

(Psalms 107:20 NIV) "He sent forth his word and healed them; he rescued them from the grave."

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

(Genesis 2:17 NIV) "but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die."

- All healing comes from God; it is supernatural, and it is received by faith
- Dead religion stifles faith

(Mark 6:1-4 NIV) "Jesus left there and went to his home town, accompanied by his disciples. When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed. "Where did this man get these things?" they asked. "What's this wisdom that has been given him, that he even does miracles! Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us?" And they took offence at him. Jesus said to them, "Only in his home town, among his relatives and in his own house is a prophet without honor.""

Hebrews 4:2 For we also have had the gospel preached to us, just as they did; but the message they heard was of no value to them, because those who heard did not combine it with faith.

- The Word must be mixed with faith – just hearing it is not enough

(Mark 6:5-6 NIV) "He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. And he was amazed at their lack of faith. Then Jesus went round teaching from village to village."

- Unbelief stifles faith

10) The Word keeps God in the center of our lives

Psalm 119:13 (NLT) I have **recited aloud** all the regulations you have given us.

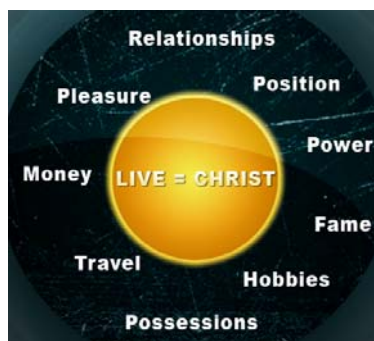
Psalm 119:13 (NKJV) With my lips I have declared All the judgments of **Your mouth**.

(Psalms 119:9-16 NIV) "How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word. I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you. Praise be to you, O LORD; teach me your decrees. With my lips I recount all the laws that come from your mouth. I rejoice in following your statutes as one rejoices in great riches. I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways. I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word."

- Abiding = obeying

(Psalms 119:105 NIV) "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path."

- Light = direction – broad general Biblical principles
- Lamp = next step – specific direction



(Psalms 119:32 NIV) "I run in the path of your commands, for you have set my heart free."

Psalm 119:35 NLT Make me walk along the path of your commands, for that is where my happiness is found

Isaiah 30:21 Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it."

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