

The Power of God's Word



Hebrews 4:12-13

- The Word of God is the source of God's transforming power in the life of a believer. The Word of God must take top priority in the life of every true believer.
- The Word of God has life-giving, life-changing, life-directing, life-sustaining, and life-correcting power.
- Living a transform life in Christ not only means we are in right relationship with Jesus, but also are in right relation with His Word.
- The Word of God is the only Book that has power to change and transform us for God's Kingdom purpose.

A. The writer of Hebrews makes several powerful statements about the Word of God. (Hebrews 4:12-13)

1. God's Word provides true rest for the believer who will hear it, receive it and obey it. (vs. 11)
2. God's Word and His promises are not inactive, dead, lifeless or powerless words giving to believers. (vs. 12)
 - God's Word and His promises are alive, living, effective and active in the hearts of every true believer that reads it, studies it, hears it, prays it, receives it, and obeys it.
 - The Word of God is a living reality and the results it bears in the believer's life cannot be overlooked. (Isaiah 55:11)
 - The Word of God is always working in, through and on the behalf of every true believer. "It's always working for my good." (Romans 8:28)
3. God's Word is powerful and sharper than any double-edge sword.
 - The word "sharper" means to cut.
 - The word "piercing" means to penetrate.
 - The Word of God is so powerful that it has the ability to cut, penetrate, and even convict the heart of both believers and non-believers in order to bring them to repentance.
 - The Word of God is so powerful that it has the ability to penetrate right through the soul and spirit of man in order to transform our lives from the inside out.

- God's living Word has the power to penetrate the depths of who we are and transform us into vessels of honor and instruments of righteousness that are useful for God's Kingdom purposes. (2 Timothy 2:19-21, Romans 6:13)
4. God's Word has the power to discern (judge, sift through, analyze) the very thoughts and intentions of the heart.
 - Whether a person believes or does not believe God's Word, their thoughts and intentions are exposed before the Lord.
 - When a believer fails to allow the Word of God to judge, sift, analyze, expose their hearts before God, they will miss all the benefits and blessings that He has for our lives.
 5. God's Word is a reflecting mirror in the life of the believer (James 1:23-24).
 - In other words, when a believer hears it, learns it and applies it – it will be reflected in their lives.
 - If a believer only hears it and never puts it into practice in their lives they will become a forgetful hearer. Which leads to them becoming a poor reflection of Jesus Christ.
 - They become distracted by the world and its affairs and eventually comes from under the authority of the Word of God.
 6. God's Word is called the perfect law that gives freedom (James 1:25).
 - It will cause them to be able to live a life of freedom and liberty in Christ Jesus.
 - It will give them victory over temptation.
 - It will bring sustainable joy, peace, and rest to their entire spiritual being.
 - The person who hears and does the Word will be blessed by God in what he does. (James 1:25)
 7. God's Word is so powerful it has the ability shines light upon those dark and hidden sins in our lives. (Luke 12:2, Jeremiah 16:17, Ecclesiastes 12:14)