

THE GODLY LIFE

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INTRODUCTION

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GOD'S WORD

The Word of God isn't a Book of fables, myths and legends. To the child of God it is the very Word of Truth.

GOD'S WORD

The value of the WORD:

1. It is Food

Job 23:12

¹² "I have not departed from the command of His lips; I have treasured the words of His mouth more than my necessary food.

Matthew 4:4

⁴ But He answered and said, "It is written, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD.'"

GOD'S WORD

a. Milk for the baby

1 Peter 2:2

² like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation,

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b. Meat for the growing

Hebrews 5:12-14

¹² For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food.

¹³ For everyone who partakes *only* of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is an infant.

¹⁴ But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.

c. Bread for everyone

John 6:51

⁵¹ "I am the living bread that came down out of heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread also which I will give for the life of the world is My flesh."

d. Honey for those in need

Psalm 19:10

¹⁰ They are more desirable than gold, yes,
than much fine gold; Sweeter also than
honey and the drippings of the honeycomb.

2. It is Light

Psalm 119:105

¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.

3. It is Truth

John 17:17

¹⁷ "Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.

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4. It is a Mirror

James 1:23-25

²³ For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror;

²⁴ for *once* he has looked at himself and gone away, he has immediately forgotten what kind of person he was.

²⁵ But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the *law* of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man will be blessed in what he does.

5. It is Water

Ephesians 5:25-27

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her,
²⁶ so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,
²⁷ that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless.

a. It Cleanses

Ephesians 5:26

²⁶ so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,

b. It Quenches

John 4:13-14

¹³ Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again;

¹⁴ but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life."

c. It Refreshes

Psalm 119:149-150

¹⁴⁹ Hear my voice according to Your lovingkindness; Revive me, O LORD, according to Your ordinances.

¹⁵⁰ Those who follow after wickedness draw near; They are far from Your law.

6. It is a Seed

1 Peter 1:23

²³ for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, *that is*, through the living and enduring word of God.

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7. It is a Sword

Ephesians 6:17

¹⁷ And take THE HELMET OF SALVATION, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Hebrews 4:12

¹² For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

8. It is a Hammer

Jeremiah 23:29

²⁹ "Is not My word like fire?" declares the LORD, "and like a hammer which shatters a rock?"

a. It can Build Up

Proverbs 16:24

²⁴ Pleasant words are a honeycomb, Sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.

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b. It can Tear Down

Revelation 2:16

¹⁶ 'Therefore repent; or else I am coming to you quickly, and I will make war against them with the sword of My mouth.

Revelation 19:15

¹⁵ From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty.

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9. It is a Fire

Jeremiah 20:9

⁹ But if I say, "I will not remember Him Or speak anymore in His name," Then in my heart it becomes like a burning fire Shut up in my bones; And I am weary of holding *it* in, And I cannot endure *it*.

Luke 24:32

³² They said to one another, "Were not our hearts burning within us while He was speaking to us on the road, while He was explaining the Scriptures to us?"

PRAYER

Ephesians 6:18

¹⁸ With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints,

Colossians 4:2

² Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with *an attitude of thanksgiving*;

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2 Kings 18:5-7

⁵ He **trusted in the LORD**, the God of Israel; so that after him there was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor *among those* who were before him.

⁶ For he **clung to the LORD**; he **did not depart from following Him**, but **kept His commandments**, which the LORD had commanded Moses.

⁷ And the **LORD was with him**; **wherever he went he prospered**. And he rebelled against the king of Assyria and did not serve him.

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Kept His commandments

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CONCLUSION

1. Faith
2. Fellowship
3. Follow
4. Prayer
5. Trust
6. Meditation on the Word of God
7. Obey God
8. Dependence upon the Holy Spirit
9. Giving to God and to others
10. Forgiving other people