

# Full Scope of Scripture: The Attributes of the Word of God - Part 1

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**DELIGENCE IS A MUST NOT AN OPTION HEB 11:6 PROV 8:17**

**GOD UNLEARN ME SO YOU CAN CONTINUE TO TEACH ME!**

As we look at the following attributes, please bear in mind that we cannot exhaust all that there is since the Word of God is eternal, and has always been and will always be. The list therefore would be endless, right?:)

That being said, please feel free to share any that comes to mind at the end of the ones we have listed here.

## I. Why is this lesson important for us as diligent seekers?

- I. Understanding the attributes of the Word of God will improve our attitude and perception about it and we will value it for what it is.
- II. Understanding these will be a strong determinant of how we engage with God's word. This is something that apostle Peter had an understanding of;

**John 6:68** But Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. **69** Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. **MATT 16: 13-18** the question of who Jesus is is mentioned here too and Simon Peter gives his answer in vs 15.

**John 6:26**

*God uses the things we are familiar with to teach us spiritual things.*

## II. Key Attributes of the Word of God

- I. The word of God is inspired of God- Has the breath of God.

**2Tim.3:16** All scripture is given by inspiration of God,..."[is God breathed – God's breath/Spirit – the Greek word 'Theopneustos'.] *theos is God Neuma is breadth/spirit*

**John 6:63** "It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.

**Gen 2:7** And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul"

✓ The spiritual life of a man is totally (100%) dependent on this spiritual resource - **Mat 4:4** But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. cf. **Deut. 8:3**.

✓ anytime we receive the word of God their is life

- II. The word of God is Sweet

**Psalms 119:103** How sweet are Your words to my taste, Sweeter than honey to my mouth!

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***Psalms 19:10*** "More to be desired are they than gold, Yea, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb."

- ✓ We keep tasty things in the mouth much longer than bitter ones. We keep going back to those tasty things and we also treasure them. All this is for the body; How much more for our spirit man?

***Psalms 34:8*** "Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!"  
*The spirit man is depended on the Word for us to grow as Christians.*

### III. The word of God is more precious than the most precious metal – Gold

***Psalms 19:7*** The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul; The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;.....

***10*** More to be desired are they than gold, Yea, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

***11*** Moreover by them Your servant is warned, And in keeping them there is great reward.

***Psalms 119:72*** The law of Your mouth is better to me Than thousands of coins of gold and silver.....***127*** Therefore I love Your commandments More than gold, yes, than fine gold!

***Prov. 16:16*** How much better to get wisdom than gold! And to get understanding is to be chosen rather than silver.

- ✓ The most precious metal in the world is Gold. People can do practically anything - they toil, kill and get out of their way to get it and keep it. People die in dangerous caves looking for it.
- ✓ NB it is foolhardy to expect to find gold on the ground surface. To get it, one has to be prepared to dig deep. This is gold that is only of value here on earth. How much more the word of God? *We must be ready to spend time praying for understanding as we study the Word of God.* Compare this with all else we read for just common, earthly wisdom (Just think about that)
- ✓ The word God will never perish. we ought to lay our treasures where they will not be stolen or destroyed. in short we should lay our treasures in heaven. the word of God should be desired than gold or any other form of earthly treasures.
- ✓ 2 tim 3:15 It is in the scriptures that we get the wisdom that only comes from God. we ought to go deeper in the word.
- ✓ the more you study eventually it will become a lifestyle.
- ✓ Rom 12 - do not conform into the patterns of this world but be transformed with the renewal of your mind.

### IV. The word of God is Pure

***Psalms 19:8*** The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;

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***Psalms 12:6*** *The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.*

***Psalms 119:140*** *Your word is very pure; Therefore Your servant loves it."*

***Psalms 119:9*** *How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word.*

***10*** *With my whole heart I have sought You; Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments!*

***11*** *Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You.*

- ✓ Our minds/lives/everything will remain on the right & pure state as long as we host jealously the word of God in our hearts

### V. The word of God is forever settled in heaven

***Psalms 119:89*** *Forever, O LORD, Your word is settled in heaven.* Settled = to station, best state

- ✓ Not under experimentation – It is in its BEST state
- ✓ The word of God is not undergoing experiments. It is complete, it is in its best state; remains in this state for ever; nothing more can be done to it to improve it. NB: the Word of God and God Himself are inseparable. God is perfect and so is the Word.
- ✓ This understanding of the Word will help us to take it as it is. Believe it as it is and apply ourselves to it as it is.... and we become more like it/Him.
- ✓ Long ago, we used to say it this way, "God says it I believe it and that settles it" Certainly not so!! Whether we believe it or not, that settles it!

### VI. The word God is alive and powerful

***Heb. 4:1*** *For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*

- ✓ Why is it quick/living? Because the source is alive - ***2 Tim 3:16-17; John 6:63***
- ✓ It is sharp to cut straight (able to separate between - spirit, soul, and body) – can lay open a man's heart like a surgeon.
- ✓ Discerner - This is what judges us now and will judge us then i.e. @ JSOC – ***1Cor.11:31; (for if we judge ourselves, we should not be judged). Read. John 12:44-49ff; Heb 1:1***
- ✓ No other book has living and active words. The Word of God is so because of its origin. The origin of anything determines its nature. The word of God originates from God Himself.
- ✓ No other book can help you understand yourself - man in his tripartite nature (spirit, soul and body ***1Thes. 5:23***). Only the Word of God can show how each part is saved (*More details of this in the full scope of salvation lesson in the near future*). Using any other book of instruction (psychology etc) to show you these divisions, is an activity in futility. It only leaves man more confused and misplaced.

### VII. The word of God is complete – nothing is to be added or subtracted from it

***Rev. 22:18*** *For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; **19** and if*

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*anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book..*

**Prov. 30:6** *Do not add to His words, Lest He rebuke you, and you be found a liar.*

**Deut.4:2** *You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.*

**Deut. 12:32** *Whatever I command you, be careful to observe it; you shall not add to it nor take away from it.*

**Mat 5:19** *Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. 20 For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven..*

- ✓ The Lord is warning us here to be careful not to mutilate or change His Word. He will hold us guilty if we do. All the more reason why we must learn how to study it and do it

### VIII. The Word of God is given in a particular pattern

- ✓ Must be studied with the Pattern in mind and in the way God Has given it.
- ✓ It is not some random bundle of scriptures. God is a God of order (not confusion – **1Cor 14:33**). It is therefore necessary to study in the way it is **PATTERNED (Next lesson.)**
- ✓ The bible is not some jumbled, incoherent mass of statements - NO NO!! **Heb 8:5**. (The bible is patterned in a heavenly picture.
- ✓ We can safely say this: God is so PREDICTABLE to the extent of that which He has revealed i.e. if you know His will – His pattern that is revealed in His Word. Definitely God has Secrets - all for Himself BUT with regard to man and the PURPOSE of bringing him forth, He has revealed this clearly without any shadow of doubt – **Deut. 29:29, Prov. 25:2**
- ✓ God has revealed all that we need – nothing is left hidden
- ✓ We cannot provide our own patterns (**2 Pet. 1:20-21**). The Holy Spirit as the author of it – gives us the pattern to use to READ and UNDERSTAND – hence the keys to understanding and interpreting scripture. Studying any other way only increases chances of getting into error.
- All we need is;
  1. A heart diligently seeking to know
  2. A mind ready to learn
  3. A commitment to change as directed by Him
  4. A readiness to PAY THE PRICE when necessary to be what the Word of God says.
- What are your overall thoughts on this lesson?

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**the word of God has to equip us.**