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**TWELVE THINGS THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT THE BIBLE**

***2 Timothy 3:14-17 (NASB)***

***You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.***

* **Lesson:**  From this lesson we will learn how vitally important is the Word of God in the life of every believer and twelve things the Bible has to say about the Bible.
* **Key Passages** : Many
* **Definitions:** from Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible.
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**Introduction**

If you grew up in church, then you are well acquainted with the song, “Jesus loves me, this I know.” So how do I know God loves me? “***The Bible tells me so***.” (Galatians 2:20; 1 John 4:9-10; John 3:16; Romans 5:6-10) If you have never heard this song before, its lyrics come straight from the pages of the bestselling book of all times…the Holy Bible; I highly recommend it! As a matter of fact, there is no book in the world like the Bible. It is a life transforming book, and it is filled with inexhaustible power and wealth. However, the source of the power is not found on the written page, but in a person. That person is Jesus Christ-***The Word who became flesh and made His dwelling with us***! Let’s see what the Bible has to say about the Bible.

**1. Bible was inspired by the Holy Spirit:**

***2 Peter 1:19-21 (NASB)***

***So we have the prophetic word made more sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the Morning star arises in your hearts. But know this first of all, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.***

For many people, the Bible is just another book written by men. However, if anyone will take the time to learn the historical facts, they will learn that this is no ordinary book. Written over a span of 1000 plus years, the sixty-six books of the Bible were recorded by the Holy Spirit on the hearts of approximately 49 different writers. Each one of these men, being inspired by God, took scrolls, most likely made out of papyrus paper, and ink in hand and meticulously begin to write. (Luke 1:1-4) Throughout the ages God has preserved His Holy Book, and because of this, we can hold in our hands the very ***WORDS*** of ***GOD.***

# *2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NIV)*

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

**Word Search:**

* **God breathed:** Greek word Theopneustos- *divine breathed in, given by inspiration of God.* This word comes from the word **Spirit**: Pneuma*-to breathe, to blow, Holy Spirit, Christ’s Spirit, life, Spirit, Mind, and breath*.

**Note:** As you will see next, there are two Greek words translated as the *Word of God*. It is important to understand how and where the Holy Spirit inspired their use. **Logos** generally refers to ***Christ Jesus*** as the mouth of God. But, the word **Rhema** is ***a specific portion of the Bible***. If you look closely you will see how important the distinctions between these two words are. (You can hear the explanation of this on audio lessons titled, **Building Your Life on The Solid Foundation of God’s Word,** part one and part two.)

* **Word:** Greek word **Logos-***The divine expression –i.e. Christ-communication-utterance-mouth. See* used in the following passages: John 1: 1-14; 1 Peter 1: 23; Hebrew 4:12; John 8:31, 14:23; 1 John 1:1; Rev. 19:13
* **Word**: Greek word Rhema- *an utterance a specific a matter or topic command –Word*. See this used in the following verses: Matthew 4:4; Romans 10:8- 17; Ephesians 1:13, 5:26, 6:17; Hebrews 1:3; 11:3; John3:34, 6:63 & 68; John 15:7; 1Peter 1:25

***1 Thessalonians 2:13 (NASB)***

***For this reason we also constantly thank God that when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but for what it really is, the word of God, which also preforms its work in you who believe.***

**Digging Deeper**: 2 Timothy 3:13-4:4; 2 Peter 1:16-21; 1 Corinthians 2:4-16; 2 Corinthians 1:20-21)

**2. In the Bible we “Behold our God”:**

***1 Samuel 3:19-21 (NASB)***

***Thus Samuel grew and the Lord was with him and let none of his words fail. All Israel from Dan even to Beersheba knew that Samuel was confirmed as a prophet of the Lord. And the Lord appeared again at Shiloh, because the Lord revealed Himself to Samuel at Shiloh by the word of the Lord.***

Of all the innumerable benefits of the written Word of God, the most important is this: the entire Bible is the revelation of God. All we can know or will ever know about God is contained between the pages of the Bible, and to know Him is eternal life! In the story of Eli and Samuel, found in 1 Samuel 3:1-21, we find two important principles. Number one, the Bible reveals God and number two, God speaks through His Word (our next point). In his book, The Truth War, John McArthur put it this way, “God has revealed Himself to humanity through Scripture and His Son–the Truth. Truth means nothing apart from God and His Word. Truth is the self-expression of God!” Is the Word of God rare in your life? If so, you have little vision of God, and without a vision of God people will perish. (Proverbs 29:15-18)

**Digging Deeper:** 1 Samuel 3:19-21; Isaiah 40:5-11; 45:17-25; John 17:1-17; Revelation 1:1-8, 19:13; 1 John 1:1-3; Colossians 1:15-20

**3. In the Bible we hear the voice of God:**

***Revelation 1:12-17 (NASB)***

***Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands; and in the middle of the lampstands I saw one like a son of man, clothed in a robe reaching to the feet, and girded across His chest with a golden sash. His head and His hair were white like white wool, like snow; and His eyes were like a flame of fire. His feet were like burnished bronze, when it has been made to glow in a furnace, and His voice was like the sound of many waters. In His right hand He held seven stars, and out of His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword; and His face was like the sun shining in its strength. When I saw Him, I fell at His feet like a dead man. And He placed His right hand on me, saying, “Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last.***

There are two internet connections between God and humanity, one is the Bible and the other is prayer. In the following passages, the two are closely linked together. (John 15:7-8 and Proverbs 28:9) Have you ever wondered if God still speaks to people? Yes He does speak, but only those who have spiritual ears can hear Him! (See our lesson titled, “**She who Has Ears, Let Her Hear**) Jesus said that His sheep would hear His **voice**, and interestingly enough, the Greek word for voice is **phone.**

If you carefully observe the text, found in John 6:66-70 you will see that the faithless, fickle crowds fell away from following Jesus; this proved they were not His in the first place. Then Jesus looked at His twelve disciples and said, in essence, “***Are you going to leave me too?” Simon Peter answered and said, “Lord who will we go to? You have the words of eternal life.”*** Where else can we go to hear from God, and who else has the Words of Eternal Life?

**Digging Deeper:** Genesis 1:1-3; Proverbs 28:9; John 1:1-14, 6:44-70, 10:27-28, 15:7-8; Luke 24:27; Hebrews 1:1-13

**4. The Bible converts sinners:**

***1 Peter 1:23-25 (NIV)***

***For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. For, “All people are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord endures forever.” And this is the word that was preached to you.***

The above passage reveals a powerful truth. The act of God in the regeneration of man is accomplished by the power of ***God’s******Word***. It’s is alive, living and active, accomplishing resurrection of the spiritually dead! We find this principle throughout the Old Testament as well.

***Psalm 19:7 (NASB)***

***The law of the LORD is perfect, restoring the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.***

**Word Search:**

* **Restoring**: Hebrew word Shuwb:-*restoring converting, repent, turn, convert, recover, restores, rescues, and fetch home again, feed, lie down, and make rejoice, return.* (Psalms 19:7, 23:3, 51:12, 119:159-160)
* **God’s Word:** Hebrew word most often used **is Dabar:**- *a word, a matter spoken of, act, advise, answer, book ,commandment, communication, counsel , effect, language, message, oracle, power, promise, provision, purpose, say, talk, thought, word, work.*

**Note:** The other words found in the Old Testament that refer to God’s Word are as follows: ***Statues, Laws, (seen in the previous passage) Precepts, Commandments, Testimonies and ordinances.***

The apostle Peter fully understood the power of Word of God to bring eternal life to the souls of men and women. In 1 Peter1:23-25 he quotes Isaiah 40:8: “The grass withers, the flower fades, but the ***Word of our God stands forever***.” (We will expound on this verse at the end of this lesson.)

Two things will last forever - the Word of God and the souls of mankind, and consequently it is the Word of God that brings about salvation. Most of our lessons will include audios, and or videos, because saving ***Faith comes by Hearing the Word of God***. (Romans 10:9-18)

**Digging Deeper:** Ezekiel 37:4-14; 2 Timothy 3:14-15; Romans 10:17; 1 Peter 1:23-25; Acts 7:38; Hebrews 4:12; Ephesians 2:1-8; John 3:1-18, 6:63- 68; Philippians 2:16

**5. The Bible is the spiritual food necessary to grow up in Christ:**

***1Timothy 4:6 (NIV)***

***If you point these things out to the brothers and sisters, you will be a good minister of Christ Jesus, nourished on the truths of the faith \*WORD OF GOD and of the good teaching that you have followed. (\*emphasis mine)***

Without proper nourishment, we will not grow up to maturity – the goal of God the Father for each of His children. I believe many of His children are malnourished. They are living off a once or twice a week spiritual meal consisting of whatever their pastor is serving up Sunday morning. How long do you think a person would live if they ate only one or two meals per week? If they continue to eat the “Bread of Life” only occasionally, then they will remain disconnected from the Lord and never grow up in the faith. How sad to never even get a taste of the nutrition found in the deeper mysteries hidden in God’s Word.

Life, at its best, can be difficult. What do these half-starved folks do when Monday morning rolls around and the realities of life in this sin-cursed world hit them? To live without the Bible is to live without Jesus! Yet, for those who have learned to live on “Every Word that comes from the mouth of God,” they can lay hold of God’s promises, find encouragement and strength, and get real help in times of need. (Matthew 4:4; Romans 15:4) Subsequently, a well fed believer will become the source of ***spiritual food*** for a world full of starving souls!

***Deuteronomy 8:1-3 (NIV)***

***Be careful to follow every command I am giving you today, so that you may live and increase and may enter and possess the land the Lord promised on oath to your ancestors. Remember how the Lord your God led you all the way in the wilderness these forty years, to humble and test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands. He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your ancestors had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.***

**Digging Deeper:** 1 Peter 2:2;1Timothy 4:6; Matthew 4:4; Jeremiah 15:16; Hebrew 5:11-14; Psalm 119:103; Romans 15:4;1 Peter 2:2**;** Isaiah 55:1-3.

**6. The Bible is the offensive weapon in spiritual warfare:**

***Ephesians 6:13-17 (NASB)***

***Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.Stand firm therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousnessand having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace. In addition to all, taking up the shield of faith, with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.***

In spiritual warfare, the Word of God is the offensive weapon, and it has divine power to overcome the enemy. One of our lessons is titled: **Woman of God Prepared for Battle**. I wrote this lesson specifically for one trip to Nicaragua, but little did I know just how much I would need this lesson personally! I have named this trip “Pure Joy” because of all the trials and fiery darts which hit us even before we left. (James 1:2-12)

For this trip, we purchased a video camera to tape our lessons. Alva, the Nicaraguan pastor’s wife, began this discipling journey with me at my dining room table. She and I were on the balcony of our hotel trying to tape the lesson on spiritual warfare. At the very moment we began to read the Bible, we encountered all kinds of commotion and loud noises that were drowning out the Word of God. That is when I stopped and said to Alva, “This is precisely my point; the Devil wants to silence God’s Word!” We moved inside so we could finish our lesson. (***You can see this on the video on our web-page.***)

When a new believer is not discipled, their faith could be shipwrecked when the enemy begins to assault their life. Who would leave a defenseless child outside in a storm and expect them to defend themself? We would call this child abuse. A person who is an infant in their faith does not even know she has an enemy, much less that she has the “Sword of the Spirit” (literally, a specific passage of Scripture) to defend herself. It takes someone who loves them enough to establish them in Biblical truth and prepare them for battle. The Lord expects those who know how to use the Sword of the Spirit in battle to teach these truths to new believers. We will be held accountable at the judgment seat of Christ for the spiritual neglect of the babies in our sphere of influence.

**Digging Deeper:** 1 Corinthians 3:9-14; 2 Corinthian 10:3-5; Ephesians 6:17; Matthew 4:1-11; 1 John 2:14

**7. The Bible is the medicine of the Great Physician:**

### *Proverbs 4:20-23 (NASB)*

***My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings.Do not let them depart from your sight; Keep them in the midst of your heart.For they are life to those who find them And health to all their body.Watch over your heart with all diligence, For from it flow the springs of life.***

Like medicine, God’s Word brings healing. Sometimes that healing is through correction, and other times it is by bringing balm to heal our brokenness. But medicine will not help unless you take it! One word in particular found in Proverbs 4:20 is evidence to the fact that ***God’s Word is medicine***…. It’s the word ***Health***. In Hebrew the word is *Marpay* and this is the definition: *a cure, a remedy, a medicine.* One example of this healing is found in the lesson, **The Health of My Countenance** – dealing with depression.

***Psalm 107:15-22 (NIV)***

***Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind,for he breaks down gates of bronze and cuts through bars of iron.Some became fools through their rebellious ways and suffered affliction because of their iniquities.They loathed all food and drew near the gates of death.Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress.He sent out his word and healed them; he rescued them from the grave.Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind.Let them sacrifice thank offerings and tell of his works with songs of joy.***

**Digging Deeper:** Proverbs 4:20-22; Psalms 34:19, 42:11, 107:8-21; Jeremiah 8:8-22

**8. The Bible gives true wisdom and counsel:**

***Psalm 19:7-11 (NASB)***

***The law of the LORD is perfect, restoring the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the judgments of the LORD are true; they are righteous altogether. They are more desirable than gold, yes than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the dripping of the honeycomb. Moreover, by them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward.***

It is the very nature of God to give wisdom and counsel to those who seek Him. After all, wisdom is hidden in Christ Jesus…. ***His name is Wonderful Counselor***! You may already be aware that we are living in the day of Facebook prophets, and for many people, this is their psychologist, their soapbox, their source of information and counsel. And unfortunately, it replaces true communication with the Lord and others. Besides this, it can be a real time consumer, and how many of us really have time to waste? Although I do appreciate those who use social media to proclaim God’s truth and shed light on the **Face of Christ in “His book - the Bible**.”

All the wisdom we will ever need is found in the Bible. It guides us in practical and profound ways. I’d like to interject a recent example of how l I found much needed counsel in the Word of God. I really should chronicle all the different diet plans I have tried and failed at. Recently I began to think to myself, “I must do something about this weight! What plan, approach, pill, and exercise partner can I get to help me?” If I had a dime for every time I have been in this exact place, I would be rich indeed! None of these plans have ever worked for very long. I would lose some weight, and then all my hard won pounds lost were quickly regained - along with a few more. So I began to dialog with the Lord about it, confessing all the emotional eating I’ve been doing, and then the wonderful counselor gave me His diet plan, custom made for my dilemma. It came in the form of a specific passage-a ***Rhema***! I didn’t even have to open my Bible because this passage is hidden in my heart.

# *Proverbs 3:1-8 (NIV)*

***My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart,  
for they will prolong your life many years and bring you peace and prosperity. Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man. Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones.***

So here is the diet plan: for starters, don’t lean on my own plans, acknowledge that I need Him to show me the way. As I seek His counsel and listen for His guidance, I find that I know when, what, and how much to eat at each meal. He is making my steps straight, and I am having success bringing health to my body and nourishment to my bones. His plan works! Thank you Lord for your wonderful counsel!

**Digging Deeper:** Psalms 33:8; 119:24-50; Colossians 2:2-3; Isaiah 9:6

**9. The Bible continually cleans us:**

***Ephesians 5:25-27 (NASB)***

***So that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word 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.***

God continually washes our minds with the truth of His Word and sets us free from the sins that so easily entangle our lives. Ruth Ann Bridges describes this process. When she was converted at almost fifty years old, she began to meditate and memorize the Word of God. A non-believer in her family said, with negative connotations, “That sounds like brain washing.” She responded: “That is exactly what memorizing Scripture does; it is washes my brain of lies and replaces them with the Truth!” It changes our old, carnal thinking and exchanges it for the **mind of Christ**. By memorizing passages we give the Holy Spirit the opportunity to speak specific words (Greek-*Rhema****)*** to us. The Bible was written by the Holy Spirit; it is the dialect and language He speaks. Therefore, when we store up God’s Word in our hearts, we are increasing His vocabulary within us.

***John 6:63 (NASB)***

***It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the Words that I have spoken to you are Spirit and are life.***

Studying the Word of God will not make us sinless, but it certainly can make us sin less! How does that work? I can’t spend time in the Word of God and not have the Holy Spirit bring to light the sins that grieve Him. Sin keeps me from the Word of God; or the Word of God will keep me from sin. Oh for the grace to choose the latter!

**Digging Deeper:** 2 Timothy 3:15-17; John 8:31-32; 17:7-17; Ephesians 5:26; Psalm 119:9-11, 105; Romans 12:1-3

**10. The Bible is the curriculum of disciple making:**

# *2 Timothy 2:15 (KJV)*

***Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.***

At the very core of disciple making is gaining Biblical knowledge. The Bible is the curriculum of the entire process. One of the lessons I have written for people, like myself, without formal education is titled, **The Basics of Bible Study**. While writing this study, I learned some valuable lessons from Ezra. He was a man who knew the Word of God, and wrote four books of the Bible, but even so, he set his heart to *study* the *Law of the Lord,* to *practice it* and to *teach it.* (Ezra 7:10)

***Colossians 3:16 (NIV)***

***Let the Word of God dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing Psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.***

**Digging Deeper:** Ezra 7:10; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Hebrew 5:12-14

**11. The Bible is alive, living and active:**

***Hebrews 4:12-14 (NASB)***

***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. And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do.Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.Cross references:***

The longest chapter of the Bible is Psalms 119. It is uncertain who penned this chapter, although David, Daniel, Jeremiah and Ezra have been suggested. Whoever the writer was, he was passionately dedicated to the Scriptures, devoting 171 of the 176 verses to describe the importance of God’s Word. To the writer of this chapter, it was not just a collection of words on a page. He was zealous for it, meditated on it, and kept it within his heart so that he might ***obey it***! It was more valuable to him than food, gold or silver. It was his life and life line to God and it is ours too! This Psalmist vividly describes what this “living book” can do for any believer, in any situation, who will take God at His Word!

One word in particular that is used in Psalms 119:50 encompasses all the other words we could use to describe the Holy Scriptures. It is the word ***revived.*** “This is my comfort in my affliction; that Your Word has ***revived*** me.” It is translated as ***quicken***, or ***revive***, or ***life.*** It is also found in Psalms 23, “He ***restores*** my soul.”

**Word Search:**

* **Revive; Quicken or Life:** Hebrew word: ***Chayah***:-*To live-literally or fugitively, to revive-keep or make, alive, nourish, preserve, recover, repair, restore to life, save; life; and be whole.*

As the end of Moses’ life was approaching, he sang his final song. It is recorded in Deuteronomy chapter thirty-two. In this song, he chose the same Hebrew word the Psalmist used for revived. Moses was even more explicit in the importance of God’s Word to His people. He translated the Hebrew word Chayah as ***life***.

***Deuteronomy 32:46-47 (NASB)***

***And He said to them, “Take to heart all the words with which I am warning you today, which you shall command your sons to observe carefully, even all the words of this law. For it is not an idle word for you; indeed it is your life. And by this word you will prolong your days in the land, which you are about to cross the Jordan to possess.***

He chose the word ***“life”*** to describe God’s Word because, to him, it was the equivalent of life itself! When you think about all the incredible work God did on behalf of His people in bringing them through the wilderness and into the promise land, you can understand why God’s Word was life to them. (In1 Samuel 2: 12- chapter 4:22 see the effects of a man of God who did not teach his sons this truth.)

Take a moment and look back over this list of descriptive words, and then reflect on God’s provision for His people. *To live-literally or fugitively, to revive-keep or make, alive, nourish, preserve, recover, repair, restore to life, save; life; and be whole.* When I look at those words and remember the times His Words’ have preserved, repaired, nourished, restored and saved my life, I say “Amen”! It is Life indeed!

**Digging Deeper:** Isaiah 55:1-12; Psalms 119:50, 85:6; Proverbs 4:20-22; Deut. 32:46-47.

**12. The Word of God will *stand* forever:**

***Matthew 24:35 (NASB)***

***Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.***

Throughout the ages men have tried to destroy the Bible, and yet it is an indestructible document. It always will be as long as we obey the Lord’s last command to “Make Disciples of all Nations” and build our lives on the Bible. There are invaluable lessons that can be learned from those who treasured this ***Eternal Book***, not the least of which is the fact that none of them died without passing God’s Truth onto others.

***Isaiah 40:8-9 (NASB)***

***The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever. Get yourself up on a high mountain, O Zion, bearer of good news, Lift up your voice mightily, O Jerusalem, bearer of good news; Lift it up, do not fear. Say to the cities of Judah, “Here is your God!”***

I hope you will bear with me as I unpack just one more descriptive word which is translated into English as “Stands.” The word is pregnant with meaning.

**Word Search:**

* **Stand is the Hebrew word: Q*uwn*** This is only a partial definition and the root word means: *to rise; get up; help; to lift up; set up; establish; strengthen;-helps; holds; be clear; confirms; accomplishes; preforms; succeeds; makes good; makes new; makes sure; endures; makes to stand up; upholds.*

I urge you to stop and carefully consider each descriptive word that is used to communicate the importance of the fact that God’s Word will ***stand*** forever! If you do, then you will find it so vividly describes what the Bible has to say about the Bible. I wonder, as you read this list, if you are in need of reviving, saving, nourishing, or repairing. May God take these words and cause your weary soul to rise up and soar!

The blessings for the person who will ***live in***, ***live on*** and ***live out*** **God’s Word** are immeasurable! It is utterly impossible to overestimate the life changing power of God’s Word. We can bank our future on the solid fact that ***God will keep His every Word.*** The **Living** **Word is Jesus**…there is no life without Him!

***Revelation 19:11-13 (NASB)***

***And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war. His eyes are a flame of fire, and on His head are many diadems; and He has a name written on Him which no one knows except Himself. He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.***

**Think on These Things**

* 1. The benefits of God’s Word are many, and yet these blessings are conditional. In the next four passages what is the common denominator to receive blessings and success? Luke 6:46-49; Joshua 1:7-9; Psalms 1:1-3; James 1:21-23
  2. Be honest, what does the Bible mean to you? Are you living on every Word, or existing on crumbs once or twice a week?
  3. Do you understand why the Bible is so vitally important to the Spiritual life of every believer?
  4. Look back over the 12 points and make a list of where you see God’s Word at work in your life. Read 1Thessalonians 2:11-13
  5. What did you learn about the Bible that you did not know?
  6. Make a list of people who have impacted your life because they loved and lived God’s Word.
  7. When you die, will all that you know about God’s Word die with you?

**Pearls of Wisdom**

***John 15:7-10 (NASB)***

***If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. “My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples. “Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love. “If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love. These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full.”***