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### The Importance Of The Word Pt. 2

In our first study of the Word we declared that the word of God is important for three reasons.

- I. To nourish the new born believer: little children.
- II. To develop the believer: the young man.
- III. To mature the believer: the father.

These are the three levels given to us by John in his First epistle.

Many of seamen owe their lives to lighthouses who guided them to safety through the storm as they were directed and kept from destruction. So is the word of God to the believer!

*\* Your word is a lamp unto my feet and a light to my path. Ps. 119:105*

*\* I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life. Jn. 8:12*

- 1. Many add much hurt to their lives by not obeying the word of God.
- 2. Others bring utter destruction to their lives and marriages.

We want to look at three more reasons that reveal the importance of the Word.

- I. The word is important to overcome sin.

- II. The word is important to overcome Satan.
- III. The word is important to overcome self in service.

#### **I. The word is important to overcome sin.**

\* “My son, keep my words, And treasure my commands within you. Keep my commands and live, And my law as the apple of your eye. Bind them on your fingers; Write them on the tablet of your heart. Say to wisdom, “You are my sister,” And call understanding your nearest kin, That they may keep you from the immoral woman.” Prov. 7:1-5

- A. The believer is to recognize his or her position in Christ. 1Cor. 15:45-58
  - 1. I have been regenerated and inverted, being now spiritually alive, instead of being body, soul and spirit I am spirit uppermost, soul and body last. Vs. 45-49
    - \* My primary concern now is the life of the spirit not ruled by my body appetites or deceived by my emotions!
  - 2. I will be changed at death or Christ’s return. Vs. 50-57
  - 3. I am a servant of the Lord, not man. Vs. 58
    - a. To be steadfast.
    - b. To be immoveable.

- c. To always abounding in the work of the Lord.
  - d. To understand that our labor is not in vain in the Lord.
    - \* God has given to me a divine nature! 2Pet. 1:2-4
- B.** The believer is to recognize that his sin nature is never eradicated. Rom. 6:1-7, 11-14
1. Our old man was crucified. Vs. 6
    - a. We live in tension with the old man!
    - b. He is ever present, capable of all I used to do.
    - c. The man you feed is the one that will be the strongest.
      - \* Eskimo, black dog and white dog fighting!
  2. Our old man is to be crucified daily. Vs. 11
    - a. I am to crucify him.
    - b. I have to yield to Christ to live in me.
      - \* Sin nature has no more dominion over me but I can yield to sin nature and make provisions for my flesh. Rom. 13:14
  3. Our old man is not to be allow to reign. Vs. 12-14
    - a. Sin refers to sin-nature.
    - b. With every testing there is a way of escape. 1Cor. 10:13

- C.** The believer is to recognize that God's word is to be hid in his heart not his brain. Ps. 119:9-11
- \* "How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word. With my whole heart I have sought You; Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments! Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You!"
  - \* The word is to be in my heart, not my brain alone!
1. Causing you to be aware of what pleases and displeases God. 2Chron. 34:8-33
    - a. The book of the Law was discovered in the temple.
    - b. Josiah commanded that it be read to cause the people to repent and be revived, removing all abominations.
    - c. God's will is found in God's word.
    - d. Talk to your text by doing good inductive study.
    - e. God through the Bible once a years.
      - \* Removing all tradition, superstition and perversion from my life.
  2. Causing you to control your tongue. Ja. 3:3-8
    - a. Small but destructive.
    - b. Small but uncontrollable.

- c. Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. Math. 15:19
- 3. Causing you to realize sin is against God. Ps. 51:3-4
  - a. Sin is first against God.
  - b. Sin is second against man or with man.
- 4. Causing you to be cleansed. Jn. 15:3, Eph. 5:26
  - a. The word saves us, “You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.” Jn. 15:3
  - b. The word sanctified us, “That He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word.” Eph. 5:26
    - \* I have found that when a bible is falling apart it usually belongs to a person who isn't and a bible that is not usually belongs to one who is falling apart.

### **Illustration**

Sin is like weeds, though we pluck them out they will return, there has to be an ongoing cultivation to insure a healthy and fruitful garden!

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## **II. The word is important to overcome Satan.**

### **1Jn. 2:13-14**

- \* “I write to you, fathers, Because you have known Him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, Because you have overcome the wicked one. I write to you, little children, Because you have known the Father. I have written to you, fathers, Because you have known Him who is from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, Because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, And you have overcome the wicked one.” 1Jn. 2:13-14
- A. The believer learns to discern that the attacks are against the truth of God’s word. 2Cor. 10:3-5
  - 1. Has God said...Gen. 3
    - \* The enemy always challenges God’s word, His goodness and maximizes the benefit and minimizes the consequences!
      - a. We are not to be unequally yoked in dating, engagement or marriage. 2Cor. 6:14-18
      - b. We are not to be unequally yoked in business partners but you can hire unbelievers.
  - 2. Transforms himself into an angel of light. 2Cor. 11:14-15
    - a. Knowing the word, you can discern what is truth.
    - b. Memorizing is not enough, you must know the context and relationship.

**3.** We overcome the world by our faith. 1Jn. 5:4-5

- a.** Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God. Rom. 10:17
- b.** Faith is the substance and things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen...those that come to God must believe that He is and that He is the rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.” Heb. 11:1, 6  
\* Our faith must be biblical!

**B.** The believer is sanctified to God from the evil one. Jn. 17:14-20

- \* This is the real “Lord’s prayer”, not the one taught to the disciples.
- 1.** The word was given to the believers and they are distinct from the world, set apart. Vs. 14
- 2.** The believer is in the world but not of it as Jesus but kept from the evil one. Vs. 15-16
- 3.** The word sanctifies the believer and he is sent into the world as Jesus. Vs. 17-18
- 4.** The Lord Jesus Christ sanctified Himself for us. Vs. 19
- 5.** The believer is to sanctify himself for the lost. Vs. 20  
\* The sanctification is through the Word of God!

**C.** The believer is equipped and told of spiritual warfare. Eph. 6:10-18

\* Every soldier is trained and equipped to enable him for the warfare!

**1.** By the Spirit of God he is empowered. Vs. 10

\* Sin, Satan and self is deceitful but of the three self is the most deceitful!

**2.** By the armor of God he is able to stand, withstand and end up standing. Vs. 11-17a

\* Excuses are not allowed!

**3.** By the word of God he is able to defeat the enemy. Vs. 17b

\* A two-edged sword. Heb. 4:12

**4.** By prayer he is able to see the battle. Vs. 18

**a.** Prayer is my ability to see behind the scene, aware of the enemy, “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.” 1Pet. 5:8

\* Jesus used the only spiritual weapons available in His temptation. Lk. 4

**b.** Being able to tap into the things of God and be aware of the warfare which we are born into as soldiers of the Jesus Christ. 2Tim. 2:3-10

**Illustration**

The believer against Satan is much like a horse who is much more powerful than a man yet with a bit his rebellion can be overcome, so the word overcomes Satan.

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**III. The word is important to overcome self in service.**

\* “The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it?” Jer. 17:9

\* Sin, Satan, self, there is another trinity of darkness!

A. The believer is to read the word all the days of his life. Deut. 17:18-20

\* The context is when Israel would want a king like all the other nations, He who is going to direct and lead people must first learn to be directed and led by God!

1. To fear God and obey His word. Vs. 19b
  - a. He was to write the copy himself.
  - b. The best way to learn is to read, write and teach.
2. To keep me from pride. Vs. 20a
  - a. The heart of man’s sinful nature.
  - b. The heart of man’s problems.
3. To stay on track. Vs 20b
  - a. The word is our map book.
  - b. The word is our plumb-line.

4. To prolong my life. Vs. 20c

- a. Our life-style in the world automatically decreases our life.
- b. Our life-style in Christ will automatically cause us to live longer.
  - \* We are to decrease and Christ increase in our lives being transformed into the image of Jesus Christ from glory to glory even by the Spirit of God. Jn. 3:30

B. The believer is to meditate on the word day and night to obey it. Josh. 1:8-9

1. For prosperity.

- a. The primary context is spiritual prosperity.
- b. That in itself will cause us to be better stewards of our money, which will in turn benefit us financially.
  - \* “For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.” 1Tim. 6:10

2. For success.

- a. Many attend seminars on success.
- b. Your success is primarily measured by your spiritual growth and victories, your obedience to God and headship in the home.

3. For strength.

\* “But those who wait on the LORD  
Shall renew their strength; They shall  
mount up with wings like eagles,  
They shall run and not be weary,  
They shall walk and not faint.” Is.  
40:31

4. For courage.
  - a. There are many scary things in life.
  - b. The Scriptures often state, “Stop being afraid”.
- 5 For assurance.
  - a. By knowing the Word.
  - b. By obeying the Word.
  - c. By abiding in the Word and Christ.
  - d. By His being faithful.

C. The believer is to know that the word is the authority for life being the inspired word of God. 2Tim. 3:15-17

- \* There are so many today by so called Christians and seminaries, who are attacking the Inspiration of Scripture.
1. For doctrine, which means teaching.
    - a. It is inerrant and infallible, the textual evidence is overwhelming.
    - b. People say there are mistakes, ask them to show you one.
  2. For reproof, pointing out the wrong.
  3. For correction, show you the right way.
  - 4 For instruction in righteousness, the word of God, not philosophy or psychology.

5. For the man of God to be thoroughly equipped for every good work.
  - \* The word of God promises to make you Christ like not a scientist or engineer!

### **Illustration**

Like a plastic glass that can taint the water in it and making it taste of itself, so man can taint the word of God by his own cleverness or lack of study. The word is to be kept free from our opinions, speculations, etc.

*The word is important to overcome self in service!*

### **Conclusion**

The word of God is important in our lives.

- I. To overcome sin!
- II. To overcome Satan!
- III. To overcome self in service!