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FOUNDATION LEVEL – Lesson 11 – The Powerful Effects Of The Word

Introduction

Now that we have established the fact and reality that the Bible is the Word of God, we will now examine the impact and effects of the Word.

Hebrews 4:12

¹² 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. ¹³ And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

- Living – Greek zao – to live, to breathe. To have true life. Living water having vital power in itself and exerting the same power upon the soul. Full vigor. Fresh strong efficient. Active, powerful, efficacious.
- Powerful – energeo – active, energy, effectual
- Sharper – Greek tomos – to cut cleanly with a single stroke, like a blade or sumurai sword. Like a laser beam. Not ‘hacking’ but single slice.
- Sharper – Greek distomos – double slicing sword
- Piercing – diikneomai – to go through, to penetrate, pierce
- Division – merismos – division, partition, separation, cleave apart, distribution
- Discerner – kriticos- judging, fit for judging, skilled in judging, critical, discriminative
- Thoughts – intents, thinking, root of thinking, ‘drive’ behind the thoughts, willful thread behind your thoughts.
- Heart – kardia – seat of thoughts, seat of the desires and passions. Seat of appetites, affections. Seat of purposes and endeavours. Seat of intelligence, will and character and affections.
- Naked – gymnos – unclad without clothing, the naked body. Clad in undergarments only. Of the soul: Stripped of the body, without the body. Open, lay bare. Mere grain and not the plant itself.



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The Spirit of the verse is

- The Bible is “Living Energy”
- The Words contained in the Bible are ALIVE
- They are more than mere spoken words of men
- They contain divine life and energy
- There is effectual power within the Word
- The Word ‘cuts’
- It separates that which is spiritual from that which is natural from that which is soulish.
- The Word is like an effective very sharp blade that cuts incisively
- The Word washes ‘shampoos’ the soul and mind
- It lays bare the soul
- It critics and analyses the thoughts and identifies the spirit behind every action
- It reaches every part of our being
- It lays bare everything and nothing is hidden from the scanning power of the Word

IMPACT AND EFFECTS OF THE WORD OF GOD

1. FAITH

Romans 10:17

¹⁷So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Ephesians 1:13

*In Him **you** also trusted, after **you** heard the word of truth, the gospel of **your** salvation; in whom also, having **believed**, **you** were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,*

1 Corinthians 15:11

*Therefore, whether it was I or they, so we preach and so **you believed***



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Acts 8:35

³⁵ Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him. ³⁶ Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, "See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?"

³⁷ ^[1] Then Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."

2. SALVATION

1Peter 1:23

²³ having been born again, not of ^[k] corruptible seed but ^[l] incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides ^[m] forever, Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you.

James 1:18

¹⁸ Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.

3. SPIRITUAL FOOD

John 6:32-36

³² Then Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴ Then they said to Him, "Lord, give us this bread always." ³⁵ And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life.

Matthew 6:11

Give us this day our daily bread.

Matthew 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.' "



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1 Peter 2:2

² as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow ^[a]thereby, ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

1 Corinthians 3:2

² I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able to receive it, and even now you are still not able;

Hebrews 5:12

¹² For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the ^[b]oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. ¹³ For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. ¹⁴ But solid food belongs to those who are ^[c]of full age, that is, those who by reason of ^[d]use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

4. PHYSICAL HEALING

Psalms 107:20

He sent His word and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.

Matthew 8:8

⁸ The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed.

Proverbs 4:20-22

My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings.

²¹ Do not let them depart from your eyes; Keep them in the midst of your heart;

²² For they are life to those who find them, And health to all their flesh



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5. VICTORY OVER SIN AND SATAN

Revelation 12:11

¹¹ And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.

1John 2:14

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.

Ephesians 6

¹⁰ Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the ^[b]wiles of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of ^[c]the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;

Psalms 119:9-11

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.



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6. REVELATION AND INSIGHT

Psalm 119:130

¹²⁹ Your testimonies are wonderful; Therefore my soul keeps them. ¹³⁰ The entrance of Your words gives light; It gives understanding to the simple.

Psalm 119:105

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

Psalm 19:7-11

⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect, ^[e]converting the soul; The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; ⁸ The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;

⁹ The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. ¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, Yea, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the ^[f]honeycomb.

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

James 1:21-25

²¹ Therefore lay aside all filthiness and ^[d]overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

²² But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. ²³ For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; ²⁴ for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. ²⁵ But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.