



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Friends,

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God is a good God! We're so grateful to Him for allowing us to be used for His glory. We are so blessed to have partners like you to be alongside us as we continue to depopulate hell and populate heaven! We don't take your partnership lightly and we want you to know we love you and pray for you every single day. We know that your giving is a sacrifice and we are so honored that you chose to partner with us. We pray that your seed is multiplied and will yield 30, 60 or 100 fold (Mark 4:20). Now let's get into our encouraging teaching for this month!

This Book of the Law shall not depart out of your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, that you may observe and do according to all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall deal wisely and have good success. Joshua 1:8

At the start of a new year most of us make a commitment to read through the entire Bible in one year either through a Bible App or following a church reading plan. It's a very good thing to make a commitment to read through the Bible in one year and we do encourage everyone to get into this habit. As a matter of fact in our family, our grandkids and their parents are following a one-year plan on the Bible App. One day, our 12 year old grandson was distraught because he fell behind several days and was trying desperately to catch up. He told his mom that he spent over an hour trying to catch up but he was still behind! It's no wonder that he became discouraged. He said he'll never be able to catch up at this rate! That's when his mom had a very good talk with him and his younger sister about what it means to spend quality versus quantity time in the Word of God. She told him, "If you only have time to read one or two verses and meditate on them throughout the day, it is more meaningful than if you had read 10 chapters and got nothing out of it." In Psalm 1 David says that he delights in the Word of God and meditates on it day and night.

But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper. Psalm 1:2-3

The Psalmist tells us in these verses that by meditating on the Word of God day and night our leaves shall not wither. During our prayer time with our prayer team, the Lord dropped this in our heart- don't become a dehydrated christian. We asked the Lord, *What does this mean?* As we discussed this together, the Lord began to reveal to us that dehydrated Christians are void of the Word. They aren't watering themselves with the Word of God. They are not believing and meditating on what they've heard or read and are not being receivers and doers of the Word of God (James 1:22-25). When we are spiritually dehydrated all of our weaknesses and shortcomings are in full force! Our thoughts are not on the Word of God, we are easily offended, and our emotions begin to dictate our reactions. This starts a snowball effect in our Christian walk and, the worst thing is that the faith "muscles" that we've worked so hard to build up, start to wither away and we begin to doubt the promises of God for our lives. In the times we're living in, we can't afford to sit back and be caught off-guard when the trials, tests and

tribulations of this world hit us out of nowhere. We must always be on-guard, ready to face the trails head-on because we know that our adversary does not take vacations or any days off!

Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. Stand firm against him, and be strong in your faith.

1 Peter 5:8-9

We can't be caught off-guard by the roaring lion. That's why it's so important to consistently meditate on the Word of God daily so we can grow our faith muscles every day. The more we meditate on the Word, the more our actions, thoughts and attitudes *line up with the Word*. It's easy to get into the trap of reading the Bible just to check it off our "to-do" list. That's what our grandson's mom was trying to teach him not to do. Sometimes we may fall behind and desperately try to catch up, but what is the purpose of reading the Bible? Has it become a chore or are we being transformed from the inside out by the Word?

The Word should transform us from the inside out by changing the way we think, speak, act and, most importantly, how we *react* to everyday tests, trials and the people with whom we come into contact. Reading the Word of God should change our identity to become more Christ-like. James 1 says that we are to be doers of the Word and not only hearers.

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do. James 1:22-25

The Word works! Every month we receive testimonies from people who have put the Word of God to work and seen amazing results! In December we received a phone call from a precious woman from England who had been faithfully watching our programs for the past 2 years on YouTube and joining our Facebook lives. A couple of years ago she had surgery on her liver to remove a cancerous tumor. The doctors did not guarantee that the cancer wouldn't spread to the rest of her body. She refused to undergo any chemotherapy. Instead, she became a doer of the Word and used the Word as her therapy. She found 40 scriptures of healing and restoration and declared them over her body every single day. Recently she went back for a check up and the doctor could not find a trace of cancer in her body! The doctor even commented on how well her scar had healed up! This is just one example of how we, as the body of Christ, must receive, believe, meditate and declare the Word of God over every situation we encounter.

You might notice that we always go back to the Word in our teachings because it is the **key** to our freedom, deliverance, healing, restoration and victory. We receive so many phone calls like the testimony above each week from people who call in to testify of how the Word of God has worked for them. The Word should be the first thing that our minds think and meditate on when we face anything in this world. It should be the first thing out of mouth and it should be the final authority for everything in our lives. Through the Word of God, our thoughts are transformed and when our thoughts are transformed, our actions and the world around us are transformed. The Word of God works!

In Christ,

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