



Why is the Word of God important to a Believer?

It goes without saying but the Word of God is **one the greatest gift** we have from God outside Jesus (The Word) and the Holy Spirit.

1. God Himself

- A. John 1:1-2, 14 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God.
- B. John 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

2. It is RIGHT

- A. Psalm 33:4 For the word of the LORD is right; and all his works are done in truth.

a) For the word of the LORD is right.

- i) The Hebrew word translated for "right" means "straight". God's word is not bent in any way. It's straight and accurate. It's right and alright. It ought to be the direction and standard of everything we do because it never fails.

ii) Isaiah 55:9-11

- iii) He spoke, and it was done and He commanded and it stood fast. Psalm 33:9

b) all His works are done in truth.

- i) "Works" means "actions"

- ii) "Truth" means "firmness, security".

B. Psalm 19:8 The statutes of the LORD are **right**, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes.

C. John 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

3. Makes you free

A. John 8:31-32 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, *then* are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

a) God's Word does not set you free. It is when we **continue** in the Word of God that we know the truth which in return **MAKES** us free.

b) Once we **know** the truth (God's Word), It **MAKES** us free. We receive revelation and direction from the Lord that turns our lives and situations around for the better.

c) The truth we receive of and from God's Word breaks bondages, the power of sin, fear, sickness, death, struggles, lusts from our lives.

d) True freedom starts with the TRUTH of and from the Word of God and continues with the Word of God. **No Word = No Truth = No Freedom.**

i) John 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: **thy word is truth.**

e) I love to pray for people, but I have learned that **teaching people the Word** is a **more powerful approach to wholistic freedom of the believer.**

f) To **KEEP** (NOT LOSE) what has been prayed for you, you need to learn and get in the Word so that it is deep in your heart and the enemy can't steal it from you (**Matthew 13:19, 21**), which he will try to do. You need the Word of God to be planted in your heart from continued freedom and victory.

4. Sanctifies us

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a) Seeking to be sanctified? God's word sanctifies us.

5. God's word is infallible

A. Isaiah 55:10-11 For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

a) God's word never fails. He says, and it is established. He compared it to how rain and snow comes down from heaven and returns not there but waters the ground.

i) God's word is infallible. This is what this is saying. It's a seed that will grow.

ii) It accomplishes what God desires and pleases.

iii) It shall prosper and produces results

6. Born again (Salvation)

A. 1 Peter 1:23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

a) God's Word is the primary foundation for everything. We were born again by the Word, and we continue to grow and receive nourishment through the same Word.

7. Disciple, not a convert

A. John 8:31-32 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, *then* are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

a) The Greek word interpreted as "**disciples**" in this verse is "MATHETES," and it means "a learner."

- b) This learner or disciple continues in God's Word until they are free and evidenced by their fruit.
- c) If you want to become a disciple, you cannot do away with the Word of God. It is essential and fundamental to making disciples.

8. Growth

- A. 1 Peter 2:2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:
 - a) The Word of God essential to help our growth. This underscores the importance of God's Word.
 - b) A lack of growth is equivalent to a lack of Word.

9. It is not bound

- A. 2 Timothy 2:9 Wherein I suffer trouble, as an evil doer, even unto bonds; but the word of God is not bound.
 - a) The Word of God is effective and works **in and out of season**. There is no season the Word of God does not work. It works and it is infallible. We need to put faith in the Word of God.
 - b) The Word of God is **not** limited by distance or time. It is not in lockdown.
 - c) **We need to put pressure and out expectations on the Word of God and His promises, not on people. People can be bound, but the Word of God cannot.**
- B. Philippians 1:12-13 But I would ye should understand, brethren, that the things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel; 13 So that my bonds in Christ are manifest in all the palace, and in all other places;

10. Powerful

- A. Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God *is* quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.
 - a) The word of God is Quick = Alive.
 - b) The Word of God is POWERFUL. It is not weak, but powerful.
- B. Hebrews 1:3 Who being the brightness of *his* glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;
 - a) The word of his power.

11. Hold all things together

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 - a) The Word of God is important because it hold all things (Creation) together. Without the Word of God, everything would self-distract or fall apart.

12. Heals

- A. Matthew 8:8 The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed.
 - a) Speak the Word only and my servant shall be healed.
 - b) This underscores the need and value of the Word of God in our lives and especially when we are sick. We need to get a word from the WORD and then speak the Word.

B. Matthew 8:16 When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with *his* word, and healed all that were sick:

a) By His Word, He healed all that were sick.

13. Cast out Devils

A. Matthew 8:16 When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with *his* word, and healed all that were sick:

a) The Word of God is what casts out spirits. It is not scented candles and smoke or all these religious and spiritual gymnastics that many people do such as yelling and screaming.

14. Voice of God

A. Luke 24:32 And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?

a) It is important that you understand that the Word of God = the voice of God. To hear God, you need the Word of God.

i) God's Word is the number one-way God speaks and leads us. We should desire to have God speak to us through His written Word. As we study and read, we should be expecting God to speak to us. **If God does not primarily speak to you through His Word, then you are not a Word person.** This is the number one way He speaks, and we should all hear Him this way above any other way.

ii) He (God) talks to us while He opens the **scriptures (The Word)**. We need to be in the Word if we want Him to talk to us.

iii) God's voice = God's Word. There is no and there should be no voice louder than the Word of God. God's written Word is God's Audible voice.

iv) No voice is better than God's Word.

15. Transformation

- A. Romans 12:1-2 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is* your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.
 - a) The word of God, if accepted and applied to our lives, it has the ability to transform your life.
 - b) Transformation is not without the WORD of God.
 - c) If we DO NOT to be conformed (*fashioned alike or after*) this world we must renew our minds.

16. Will of God

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 - a) It reveals the GOOD, ACCEPTABLE, and PERFECT WILL of GOD.

17. Magnified thy word above all thy name

- A. Psalm 138:2 says "I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: **for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.**"
 - a) for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.
 - i) Magnified

- ii) Nothing is greater, or no name is greater than the name of Jesus, but God has exalted His Word even above His name. God's word is so powerful in that it was exalted above His name.
- B. Philippians 2:9-10 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth;
 - a) Given him a name which is above every name:

18. Relationship with God

Because His Word reveals His Heart and truth, it is important that a believer knows the Word of God to be able to know God (Have relationship with Him)

19. Make you wise

- A. 2 Timothy 3:15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy Scriptures, which are **able to make thee wise** unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.
 - a) Seeking wisdom? Want to be wise? Look no further. The Word of God is your answer.
 - b) The Word "able" is talking about ability. It is capable of making one wise.
- B. Psalm 19:7 The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, **making wise the simple**.
 - a) If you reject the Word of God, you are not smart, at least not yet. No matter what the World says about you and how many accolades you have, degrees before and behind your name.
 - b) Nothing else has the ability to make you wise the way the Word of God is able to. When we choose to know the Word of God, we will become wise.

20. Inspired of God

A. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

a) All scripture is given by inspiration of God, NOT given by inspiration of man.

i) It says ALL, not some.

ii) This includes the scriptures you do not like.

b) Given by Inspiration of God.

i) The Greek word for "Inspiration" means "divinely breathed" (Strong's Concordance).

ii) The word "God breathed" for the word "inspiration." In other words, the words "God breathed" is synonymous to God "Inspired"