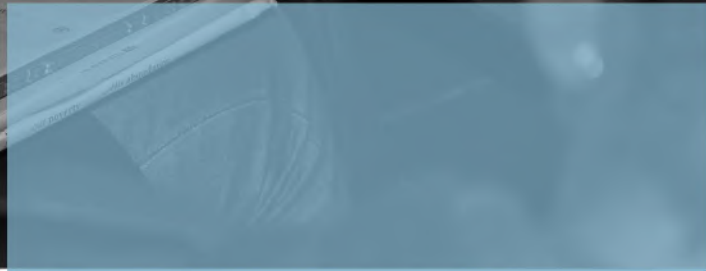


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THE WORD OF GOD AS THE SOURCE OF LIFE



We live in a world where people look up to many things as their sustenance, whereas it is written “Man shall not live by bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.” Can we live off by the things of this world? Can your job sustain you? Can your finances sustain you? Why do we need the word of God as our source of life?

We have spoken so much about identity, but do you know that whatever sustains you, whatever you see as your source becomes the giver of your identity. Upon reading Matthew 4:4, Jesus highlights that we should not live on bread alone but on the word of God.

In the beginning, there was the word, the word was with God and the Word was God, through the Word everything was made and without the Word of God, nothing could have been made. John 1:1-4 proves that the word and everything in it are sustained by the word of God. Therefore, the question is? Is the word of God your sustenance? And how can the word become alive?

Most of the time we get attached to the desires of the flesh, whereas the Word is a Spirit. The Word is filled with the Spirit of God that brings life to us (Deuteronomy 8:1-3). It is important to live by the Word because it helps one understand the guidance from God. The more we read the word of God, the more He guides us, the more you see the impact in your life from confessing what it says.



Many people don't place a value on the word of God, and as a result, they don't obey it. Not valuing the Word can be caused by many things especially ignorance. Living life ignorantly will corner you into living life by a routine checklist and that's not what Christ envisioned for us. Christianity is not a religion; it is a lifestyle, meaning everything we do should be influenced and inspired by the Word of God through the help of the Holy Spirit.

As a child, you need to grow. There is time for the milk and time for the solid food. We tend to look at the word with a general perspective instead of looking at it the way it speaks to us personally. To personalise God's word for yourself, you need to understand it.

In Matthew 13:19, Jesus speaks about a heart that receives the word but because of lack of understanding, the evil one comes to take the word from him. When the Bible talks about understanding, it is not at a high intellectual level.

The Bible is not a book for professors with a doctorate in literature, it was created for all to understand but the understanding of the heart not the understanding of the brain. As Christians, we opened our hearts to Jesus the moment we accepted Him as Lord and Saviour. Therefore, the understanding is available to us from that point. Opening your heart means that you need to meditate on the word for it to be rooted in you (Matthew 13:20-21). The word that we receive is something that the devil does not want us to receive because it has the keys to life (Matthew 13:21). Therefore, lack of meditation blocks us from obeying the word of God and instead chokes the word of God. (Matthew 13:22)



If you know that the word is your only source of supply, you need to use it! Let us begin or continue to see the word of God as our only source, as the guidance that we need for our journey here on Earth (Job 32:8). Although it is possible to live without the word of God, the catch is that you are not living right (John 4:13). Jesus came to free us from the dependency of the things of this world through the word that gives life (John 4:14). God wants us to bring solutions to the life of others, and that is possible when you allow the Word to come alive in you.

It is difficult to use a product if there is no manual to guide you as to how it should be used. The word of God is our manual to discovering our identity and navigating this world. Do not neglect it and don't live life ignorantly. Be intentional about your lifestyle because we are called to live like Jesus, who wasn't dependent on bread, but depended and lived His life based on scriptures that spoke about him. How can you live according to God's plan if you don't read his Word? So let this exhortation be a motivation to make the word of God your source of life.

