

Building Your Life Through The Word

Scripture: Joshua 1:8

Introduction

Every Christian should desire to first please God: you do this best by knowing his word well.

I. The Christian must have a strong devotional life

Jude 1:20-21 KJV But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

- A. Build yourselves on your most holy faith
- B. Praying in the Holy Ghost

Romans 8:26, 27b KJV Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. ...because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

- C. Keep yourselves in the love of God
- D. Looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life

II. The Christian must seek for mastery

1 Corinthians 9:25a KJV And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things

2 Timothy 2:5 KJV And if a man also strive for masteries, yet he is not crowned, except he strive lawfully.

In order for the Master's life to master you, you must first master the Master's life.

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- A. We must live by the rules in the Word
- B. We must be temperate in our appetites
- C. Excerpt from Thompson Chain Reference Bible 3970
- 1. Striving for the prize

1 Corinthians 9:24 Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.

- 2. Hindrances to the runners

Galatians 5:7 Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth?

- 3. Pressing toward the goal

Philippians 3:14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

- 4. Stripping for the contest

Hebrews 12:1 Wherefore, seeing we are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us.

- 5. The home stretch

2 Timothy 4:7 I have fought a good fight, have finished my course, I have kept the faith

- 6. The prize won

2 Timothy 4:8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but to all them also that love his appearing.

III. The price of mastery of God's Word

Colossians 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

- A. The price of mastery is COMMITMENT

- B. Five building blocks

- 1. Hear the Word preached
- 2. Read the Bible through annually
- 3. Study the Word of God with others
- 4. Memorize the Word
- 5. Meditate on the Word

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enemy and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

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The Word is the basis for successful Christian life. You cannot think yourself to faith; you must obey yourself to faith.

"So then, faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." (Romans 10:17)

I. Use the Word

Joshua 1:8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do all according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

John 14:21a He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me:

Matthew 7:21 Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

- A. In conversation
- B. In meditation
- C. In practice through obedience
 - 1. Obedience is not convenience
 - 2. **Matthew 7:24** Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him to a wise man, which built his house upon a rock.

II. Respect its authority

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

- A. Authority -- legal or rightful power; a right to command or to act
- B. Use its authority

Luke 10:19 Behold I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the

III. Value the word

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. God Himself is the Author
- B. The Bible:
 - 1. Strengthens
 - 2. Develops faith
 - 3. Cleanses
 - 4. Aids to victory over sin
 - 5. Guides
 - 6. Searches
 - 7. Supplies peace
 - 8. Brings joy