52 Days of Building the 2nd Wall of the Word and Wisdom

**The Veracity and Value of the Word of God**

Day 10 – May 23, 2013

As we are endeavoring to build a wall around our families, friends, churches… of the Word and the wisdom of God, and as we are reading through Psalm 119 that extolls the virtues of His Word, I was struck by a sobering fact. Most people who call themselves Christians do not read the Bible. I found in a recent Christian survey that **88% of Americans own a Bible, but only** **20% read it at least 4 times a week and actually believe it is the actual words of God, inspired by the Holy Spirit with no errors.**

In my quiet time with the Lord this morning, He said**, “Most people who call themselves Christians do not understand the veracity or value of My Word!”**

I went to my dictionary to look up these words.

**Veracity** – truth, accuracy, precision; the truthfulness or honesty of somebody. Reliability, genuineness, authenticity, exactness, validity, legitimacy.

**Value** – the worth, importance, or usefulness of something to somebody.

So the question to us is, **do we see the Word of God as God’s truth, and do we see the value of it for our lives and our relationship with Him?**

**As followers of Christ, we must be disciples of His Word. In fact, He is the Word.**

**John 1:1, 14** “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God…And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

All of God is expressed in His Word. **He perfectly reveals His will for us in the Word.**

**Hebrews 4:12** “For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.”

**Living**: *zao* – alive

**Active**: *energes* – active, powerful, effectual,

**Sharper**: *tomoteros* – to cut with a single stroke, very sharp

**Sword**: *machaira* - speaks of judicial punishment

The Word of God is a **living Word** for us every day of our life. I have often said, even with all eternity to read and study God’s Word, there will always be something new and living for me each and every day.

The Word of God is **very powerful**; it can cut through all of our negative emotions and go to the heart of our issues. With a single powerful stroke, it can bring correction to our minds and hearts. This correction is not to condemn us, but to convict us so we will change our ways. He has a path for each to bring us closer to Him and to abundant life and peace; and when we stray from it, He will bring a word to awaken us to our error.

The Word of God can **penetrate and divide our soul** (mind, will, and emotions) from our spirit. The Word of God is like the most precise laser, able to go into our souls and cut out our wrong thoughts and ways, while leaving the good.

**Psalm 19:7** “The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul.”

His Word can **convert or restore our soul**, from a self-controlled person, to a Spirit- controlled person. Now our mind, will, and emotions are following the Word of God and we are new creatures; more able to follow Him with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength.

Let’s look at **Psalm 119: 1- 8** and see the wonderful things the Word of God can do for us. **IF** we walk in His Law, observe His Testimonies, seek Him with all our heart, walk in all His ways, keep His Precepts diligently, keep His Statutes, look upon all His Commandments, learn His righteous Judgments, and keep His Statutes; **THEN** our way will be blameless, we will be blessed – happy, we will do nothing unrighteous, our ways will be established, we will not be ashamed, we will be thankful, we will have an upright heart, and God will be with us!

We see these wonderful attributes of the Word of God and the benefits of us reading, studying, knowing, and walking it out; so **why do we have such a hard time** doing this. If you ask most Christians, they would say they would like to spend more time in the Word of God. The Word of God is a great treasure, it leads us in the perfect way, and we want to read and study it more; so why do we have such a hard time getting into it? The answer is found in the Word:

**Galatians 5:17** “For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please.”

We have an enemy that lives in us called our flesh and it hates God and the things of God, especially His Word.

**Romans 8:7** “because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so,”

This is why it is so important that our minds are renewed as we saw yesterday. We must set our minds on the Spirit of God, and when we do His Word becomes a burning desire in our hearts. We will be able to read and study it, to find the treasures He has for us to find, and when we do, we will walk in life and peace. (Romans 8:5-6)

**Colossians 2:3** “in (Christ) whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.”

The treasures of His Word are not hidden from us, but hidden for us so the Holy Spirit can reveal them to us one by one. Human nature loves a treasure hunt, and we take great delight in finding buried treasure. God knows that about us, because He created us that way. **He knows that we will treasure His treasures if we have to sacrifice the time and effort to look for them.** Think back to a time when you found something really cool in the Word of God, and how excited you were. You wanted to tell everyone about it. Usually they are not as excited as you, because they did not find the treasure, you did. There is a special emotion that comes with finding the treasure ourselves.

**DIGGING DEEPER:**

**Read Psalm 119:9-24**. **List what we are to do with the Word of God, and then what the results will be for us if we do.** Look up any key words that stand out to you or that you need clarification on.

Spend some quiet time with the Lord asking Him to search your heart and mind, and to separate out the things that are hindering you from delving deeper into His Word. Ask God to help you value His Word and to let the veracity if His Word have its perfect result.

Remember to work on your **memory verse, Psalm 119:10**. It is so important to treasure God’s Word in our hearts!