Called to Meditating the Word

In January, I introduced the Key of Praying in Tongues. In February, I introduced the Key of Confessing the Word. In March, I introduced the Key of Fasting, and this month, I will introduce the Key of Meditating the Word. And as I pointed out, these Keys—Praying in tongues, confessing, individual worship, meditating the Word, and fasting will bring you closer to the Father. This is not a religion—this is a relationship between us and the Father, therefore as the body of Christ, we are described as a family.

These last four months I have used the term introducing. That means exactly that. These small monthly exaltations are not intended to be exhaustive teachings on the Five Keys, but they are meant to be a small sampler, if you will, on the Keys we hold dear to get closer and closer to the Father.

Let me make one thing perfectly clear right here and now. The amount of time one spends doing these keys means nothing at all. If you pray in tongues 1-15 hours a week, that will not move God. Now, the more you pray in tongues—closer to that 15 hours per week—the more you will change. The more we do these keys, the more change in us occurs. You, then, become a source which gives God the ability to use in His Kingdom. Therefore, it is not quantitative time spent, but quality time spent with The Father which makes the difference.

In Meditating the Word, I do two simple things. First, I try to shed my mind of clutter from the day. Praying in tongues for a few minutes really helps me do this. Secondly, I put on some inspirational instrumental music. (The music on our website https://www.eternal-harvest.org by Brenda Foshee is an excellent source of music.) Then I start reading. I usually pray before the first of every month specifically for where God wants me to Meditate. If I do not hear from Him, then



I will purpose it in my heart, to choose a book in the Bible, preferably a New Testament Book, to meditate for the month. 2 Corinthians 9:7--So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver., I know that the scripture concerning the "purposing in my heart" is about giving, one can apply it to different areas of spiritual development up to and including meditating a book in the Bible. There have been several times the Lord has specifically indicated a Book to read. For example, I asked The Father which Book I should read and meditate. A couple of days later, while praying in tongues as I was listening to a Dave Roberson message, through Dave's example, I chose to read Proverbs. So, I am meditating the Book of Proverbs last month and this month. Why two months? I am wanting to reach a goal of reading the book at least fifty times and The Lord has not told me to stop, yet.

Okay, you have the Book you are going to Meditate. Don't make the mistake I did so many times. Don't read that book trying to break speed reading limits. Be precise in reading the verses. Do not move on to the next verse until you know what the previous verse says. I didn't say <u>UNDERSTAND</u> what each verse says, I said, <u>KNOW</u> what each verse says. If there are words you don't understand, as you read, look them up and find out what they mean. Take your time in reading for Meditation. You are beginning a process that will lead us to day and night meditation of the Word. <u>UNDERSTANDING</u> will come, either by revelation in your spirit as you are praying in tongues, or by waking up in the morning, understanding a specific verse or chapter of that book. And here is something that is exciting! As you read and meditate other books, you will "all of a sudden" see how a scripture in Ephesians ties in with a scripture in John or Hebrews, bringing about a spiritual understanding in your spirit. Think on it this way—If you can fully understand your Father in Heaven, how much closer to Him do you think you can get? Now, that's exciting isn't it?



Just how long do I need to meditate a book? When I first started in this vein of doctrine, I purposed in my heart to read a book for an hour a day for one full month. And there is nothing wrong with that, but I don't want anyone to think that just because I did it that way, that that is the way it is to be done. Like I said I'm taking a couple of months to meditate Proverbs. Earlier, I said something about its not how long that matters. It only matters how much you've changed while Meditating the Word. Also, the benefits of reading the Book you've chosen in a slow deliberate way is that the time restraint has been eliminated and all that is left to do is to enjoy the Words inspired by our creator who is the Mighty Logosthe Divine Expresser—that is, Christ.

Do I set a time for Meditating the Word? I used to before the days of quarantine. I would set up a routine. Getting up at three in the morning, I was able to Pray in Tongues for an hour. I would then Confess the Word for half an hour. Then, I would Worship for half an hour. I would finish off that third hour with Meditating the Word. Then, I would take a shower, listening to a teaching lesson from either Charlie Rogers, Dave Roberson, Gary Carpenter, Alan Taylor, Jim Martin, or Bronc Flint. That gave me 4 hours a day to get close to the Father. That is, before the quarantine. I've always wanted to get closer to the Father, now I have all the time in the world. So, still maintaining a routine, I get up at three in the morning and I start by praying in tongues, when I finish doesn't matter. I may finish by 10:00 a.m. or Noon or 3:00 in the afternoon. However, I do try to get all five Keys in, especially when I am fasting, which has become a lifestyle, more or less. I did do better in March than I did the previous months, and I purpose in my heart to do better in April.

Meditating the Word, now has no time constraints and able to thoroughly enjoy reading to know the scriptures. Study to show yourself approved. Remember, you are not showing yourself approved to have God reward your reading, you are showing yourself approved to yourself in order to know or divide the Word of



Truth. In 2nd Timothy 2:15, the Word says, "Be

diligent to present vourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." I believe reading the Word over and over for at least 30 times, is a great start in preparing ourselves for day and night meditation. Which, I believe, will prepare us to meet head-on anyone who the Lord places in our path. The right words will come at the right time. Happy reading and Meditating the Word.

IN HIS SERVICE,

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