

The Word IS The Word DOES

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A Spotlight for Attention to the Word of God

“My son, attend to my words; consent and submit to my sayings. Let them not depart from your sight; keep them in the center of your heart. For they are life to those who find them, healing and health to all their flesh” (Proverbs 4:20-22 Amp).

The Word of God is tangible—it IS something and it DOES something. The Word is a person, Jesus Christ, who is at work performing the Will of God, the Father. Whatever the need, the answer is in the Word of God. The Word is the answer and the Word does the answer.

During a time in Evelyn’s life of great trial (rejection, hurt, disregard, discard, lack, depression, displacement), she went to the Word of God for relief. As she was studying Psalm 119, God gave her a deep revelation about the Word. His revelations were so profound; she began to write and categorize them.

The purpose for writing this book is to share what God exposed, and continues to reveal, by listing what the WORD IS and what the WORD DOES. When we know the significance of the Word of God (what it IS and what it DOES), we can focus our attention on it and use it effectively.

Are you using the Word or just reading it? Do you need a guide to live by? The intention of this book is to present the active workings of the Word so that we may live by the material, although unseen, Word of God. It is a tool and a reference for life application.

A description of the tangibility of the Word of God is in Rick Warren’s popular book, *The Purpose Driven Life*:¹

“The Spirit of God uses the Word of God to make us like the Son of God. To become like Jesus, we must fill our lives with his Word. The Bible says, ‘*Through the Word we are put together and shaped up for the tasks God has for us.*’ God’s Word is unlike any other word. It is alive. When God speaks, things change. Everything around you—all of creation—exists because ‘God said it.’ He spoke it all into existence. Without God’s Word you would not even be alive. James points out, ‘*God decided to give us life through the Word of truth so we*

¹ Warren, R. (2002). *The Purpose Driven Life*. Michigan: Zondervan.

might be the most important of all the things He made.' The Bible is far more than a doctrinal guidebook. God's Word generates life, creates faith, produces change, frightens the devil, causes miracles, heals hurts, builds character, transforms circumstances, imparts joy, overcomes adversity, defeats temptation, infuses hope, releases power, cleanses our minds, brings things into being, and guarantees our future forever! We cannot live without the Word of God! Never take it for granted. You should consider it as essential to your life as food. Job said, *'I have treasured the Words of His mouth more than my daily bread.'* God's Word is the spiritual nourishment you must have to fulfill your purpose. The Bible is called our milk, bread, solid food, and sweet dessert. This four-course meal is the Spirit's menu for spiritual strength and growth. Peter advises us, *'Crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation.'* God's Word exposes our motives, points out our faults, rebukes our sin, and expects us to change."

The Word of God is tangible; it "IS" and it "DOES." The Word of God is active, alive, accomplishing all God intends, but it will not work for us until we know and use it. This book is for believers (those who have believed and confessed Jesus Christ as Lord) and seekers (those wondering about Jesus and the purpose and value of the Bible). If you are the latter, you need Jesus to receive and understand what the Word IS and what the Word DOES. To receive Him, turn to page ix, **Receive Jesus as Your Savior.**

Reasons to know what the Word IS and what it DOES:

- To know Jesus Christ who is the Word. The Word is the testimony of Jesus Christ (read John 5:39). We know Jesus by knowing the Word.
- To fulfill it, to do it, to obey it.
- To recognize the provision, power, promise, and performance of the Word.
- To honor God's Word as He does. *"I will worship toward Your holy temple and praise Your name for Your loving-kindness and for Your truth and faithfulness; for You have exalted above all else Your name and Your word and You have magnified Your word above all Your name!"* (Psalm 138:2 Amp). The

Jerusalem Bible says, "...your promise is even greater than your fame" and the Living Bible says, "...for your promises are backed by all the honor of your name."

- To know what is ours in Christ; the terms of the agreement He has purchased for us.
- To use its power. God put His power in words, the Bible, and gave it to mankind. *"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:"* (Hebrews 1:3 KJV).
- To correctly speak the Word.
- To get wisdom, knowledge and understanding.

The Word IS everything we need! The Word DOES everything we need! (Read 2 Peter 1:3)

May the Word of the Lord have free course (run, hold its onward course, spread rapidly, speed on, go forward unhindered) and be glorified (honored, extolled, prove its glorious power, triumph) in and through you. As you read the Bible and this book, may the Lord open your eyes to see wonderful truths from His Word.

Use This Book

- As a reference guide for the practical application of God's Word to daily living. When you have a need, find the topic of your need in this book (the index may help), read the scriptures, meditate on the scriptures, believe it, and confess it.
- As a guide for praying the Word for ourselves and others.
- As a daily devotional. Read it for knowledge of what the Word IS and what the Word DOES.
- As a tool for scripture memorization and meditation.
- As a training tool for ministers and leaders.
- As an instructional tool when teaching students how to use and the meaning of the Bible. It is useable in Bible study, Bible classes, Christian schools and home schooling.
- For reference when questioned about the Bible.

The Format

Sections of this book state what the Word IS and what the Word DOES in alphabetical order for ease of use and reference. They list and describe:

1. The Word IS and The Word DOES: Lists various topics that are identified in God's Word.
2. Scripture: Biblical reference for what the Word IS and what the Word DOES quoted from several biblical translations. Some scriptures are written in part to state the text that directly supports what God's Word IS or God's Word DOES. In these instances, the KJV is written in full for understanding the translation written in part, although the KJV may not directly state what the Word IS or what the Word DOES. Feel free to refer to your favorite Bible version.
3. Revelation, Meaning, Comments, Examples, Supporting Scriptures: Used to add further knowledge and understanding for some topics, as revealed to the authors. Record your own revelation and comments in the margins.

Receive Jesus as Your Savior

(Taken from the book *Spirit, Soul & Body* by Andrew Wommack)²

Choosing to receive Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior is the most important decision you'll ever make! God's Word promises, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation...For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Romans 10:9-10,13 KJV).

By His grace, God has already done everything to provide salvation. Your part is simply to believe and receive.

Pray out loud, "Jesus, I confess that You are my Lord and Savior. I believe in my heart that God raised You from the

² Wommack, A. (2010). *Spirit, Soul & Body*. Oklahoma: Harrison House Publishers.

dead. By faith in Your Word, I receive salvation now. Thank You for saving me!”

The very moment you commit your life to Jesus Christ the truth of His Word instantly comes to pass in your spirit. Now that you're born again, there's a brand new you!

The Word IS

Abiding

"...the living and abiding word of God" (1 Peter 1:23 RSV).

"I have written unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one" (1 John 2:14 KJV).

Advisor

"my advisers are thine own injunctions—I delight in them" (Psalm 119:24 Mof).

Agreement

"He has kept his agreement in mind for ever, the word which he gave for a thousand generations," (1 Chronicles 16:15 Bas).

Beautiful

"All who were present spoke well of him and were astonished at the beautiful words that fell from his lips" (Luke 4:22 TCNT).

"and learnt to appreciate the beauty of the Divine Message..." (Hebrews 6:5 TCNT).

Blessing to Those Who Keep It

"Blessed are they that keep His testimonies, and that seek Him with the whole heart" (Psalm 119:2 KJV).

"But he said, Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it" (Luke 11:28 KJV).

"But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed" (James 1:25 KJV).

The Word IS

"...keeps on looking..." (Wms).

"Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand" (Revelation 1:3 KJV).

Revelation, Meaning, Comments, Examples, Supporting Scriptures:

Keeping the Word means we do the Word, we live in obedience to the Word, we apply it to our lives, we make it the standard we live by. *"But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was"* (James 1:22-24 KJV).

Blessing to Those Who Read and Hear It

"Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy..." (Revelation 1:3 KJV).

Blessing to Those Who Seek Him with the Whole Heart

"Blessed are they that keep His testimonies, and that seek Him with the whole heart" (Psalm 119:2 KJV).

Revelation, Meaning, Comments, Examples, Supporting Scriptures:

A whole heart is an undivided heart, all your heart. *"Happy are they who follow his injunctions, giving him undivided hearts"* (Psalm 119:2 Mof).

The blessing is God Himself. *"And you will be searching for me and I will be there, when you have gone after me with all your heart"* (Jeremiah 29:13 Bas).

The Word DOES

Accomplishes God's Will and Purpose

"Seek ye out of the book of the Lord, and read: no one of these shall fail, none shall want her mate: for my mouth it hath commanded, and his spirit it hath gathered them" (Isaiah 34:16 KJV).

"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 things whereto I sent it" (Isaiah 55:11 KJV).

"...so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do" (Jerus).

"...so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; it shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it" (NAB).

"...so with the promise that has passed my lips; it falls not fruitless and in vain, but works out what I will, and carried out my purpose" (Mof).

Revelation, Meaning, Comments, Examples, Supporting Scriptures:

Jesus speaks the Word; the Word works because it is the Word of His power (Hebrews 1:3). Reinhard Bonnke said God told him, "My Word in your mouth is just as powerful as My Word in my mouth."

No Word of God shall fail; it will find fulfillment, i.e. its mate. Fulfillment is the mate of the promise. The promise becomes reality.

Adds Life, Prosperity, Peace

"...What God is saying means peace for his people, for his friends, if only they renounce their folly" (Psalm 85:8 Jerus).

The Word DOES

“My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments; For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee” (Proverbs 3:1-2 KJV).

“My son, forget not my law or teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments; For length of days and years of a life [worth living] and tranquility [inward and outward and continuing through old age till death], these shall they add to you” (Amp).

“My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, for they will prolong your life many years and bring you prosperity” (NIV).

“My son, do not forget my teaching, But let your heart keep my commandments; For length of days and years of life And peace they will add to you” (NASB).

Admonishes

“Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come” (1 Corinthians 10:11 KJV).

Answers Our Requests

“If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you” (John 15:7 KJV).

“If you remain in union with me and my words remain in you, you may ask whatever you please and you shall have it” (Wms).

Revelation, Meaning, Comments, Examples, Supporting Scriptures:

The Word must abide in us. We must stay in the Word.

“And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him” (1 John 5:14-15 KJV).

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