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Lesson 10: The Word of God.

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Goal: To understand the importance and the power of the Word of God in our lives.

1 WHO IS THE WORD?

The Word is God

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was **God**.

The Word is the Son

John 14:17

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only **Son**, who came from the Father, **full of grace and truth**.

The Word is the Holy Spirit / Breath

John 1:14 The word is breathed by God.

Psalms 33:6 says, by the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and by the breath (ruach/Holy Spirit) of his mouth all their host.

The holy spirit is the author of the Word

2. Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness

The Word speaks spirit and life

John 6:63 It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.

Conclusion: The word is Jesus, who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Deuteronomy 6:4 Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one.

2 DOES THE WORD HAVE A BEGINNING OR END?

John 1:1: The Word was in the beginning

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

The word exists from everlasting to everlasting

Psalms 90:1-2 Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, **from everlasting to everlasting you are God...**

The Word is forever

Psalms 119:89

Forever, O Lord, Your word is settled in heaven [standing firm and unchangeable].

Isaiah 40:8 The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures **forever**.

1 Peter 1:25 But the word of the Lord remains **forever**. And this word is the good news that was preached to you. (ML: Jesus is the good news, Jesus is the Word).

Matthew 24:35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away

3 HOW IS THE WORD DESCRIBED?

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is **alive** and **active**. **Sharper** than any double-edged sword, it **penetrates** even to **dividing** soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it **judges** the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

Proverbs 30:5 Every word of God is **flawless**;
he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.

Psalms 119:160 All your words are **true**;
all your righteous laws are **eternal**.

2 Samuel 22:31 As for God, his way is **perfect**:
The Lord's word is **flawless**;
he shields all who take refuge in him.

Psalms 19:7 The law of the Lord is **perfect**,
refreshing the soul.
The statutes of the Lord are **trustworthy**,
making wise the simple.

Hebrews 1:3 The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his **powerful** word.

Psalms 138:2 For You have **magnified (exalted) Your word above all** Your name.

Proverbs 30:5 true
Every word of God proves true; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.

4 WHAT IS THE WORD COMPARED TO?

Psalms 119:105 A lamp and a light

Your word is a **lamp** for my feet,
a **light** on my path.

Matthew 4:4 Life and nourishment

But he answered, "It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

John 6:63 Spirit and life

It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are **spirit and life**.

Matthew 13 (parable of the Sower) Seed

The Word is compared to a seed that is planted in the hearts of people, which then grows and bears fruit.

Hebrews 4:12 Sword

... Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow.

Jeremiah 23:29 Fire (it purifies) and a Hammer

Is not My word like a fire?" says the Lord,
And like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?

Hosea 4:6 Knowledge

My people are destroyed for lack of **knowledge**; because you have rejected knowledge, I reject you from being a priest to me. And since you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.

John 17:17 Truth

Sanctify them in the truth; your word is **truth**.

John 1:1-2 and John 1:14 Jesus in the Flesh

...The Word was God.v.14 The Word became flesh...

James 1:22-25 Mirror

²² Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. ²³ Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror ²⁴ and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. ²⁵ But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

5 WHAT DOES THE WORD DO?

1 Peter 1:23 It gives birth

For you **have been born again**, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.

1 Corinthians 15:2: It saves if you hold it fast

by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain.

1 Peter 2:2 It can save you

Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

Psalms 107:20 It heals and rescues

He sent out his word and **healed** them;
he **rescued** them from the grave.

John 8:31-32 It sets free

To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my **teaching**, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the **truth will set you free.**"

1 Peter 1:23 It is living and abiding

Since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God;

John 1:3 It created all things

Through him* all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. *(talking about God who was the Word)

Hebrews 1:3 It sustains all things

(The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being)
.....**sustaining** all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

John 15:3 It cleanses

You are already **clean** because of the word I have spoken to you.

Isaiah 40:8 It endures

The grass withers and the flowers fall,
but the word of our God endures forever.

Psalms 18:30 It shields

As for God, his way is perfect:
The Lord's word is flawless;
he shields all who take refuge in him.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 It teaches, rebukes, corrects and trains

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof (rebuke, disapprove), for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

Psalms 119:130 It gives light and understanding

The unfolding of your words gives light;
it gives understanding to the simple.

John 7:38 It prophesies

Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.

Isaiah 55:11 It accomplishes its purpose

So is my word that goes out from my mouth:
It will not return to me empty,
but will accomplish what I desire
and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

Proverbs 4:22 It gives Life and Health

For they (the Words of God) *are* life to those who find them,
And health to all their flesh.

6 WHAT ARE WE COMMANDED TO DO WITH THE WORD?

John 8:47 Hear it

Whoever belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God.

Acts 17:11 Receive it

Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.

1 Peter 2:2 Accept it

Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly **accept** the word planted in you, which can save you.

Proverbs 4:10 Accept it

Listen, my son, **accept** what I say,
and the years of your life will be many.

James 1:22 Do it

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

Luke 11:28 Obey it

He replied, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it."
Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

Psalms 119:9 Live according to it

How can a young person stay on the path of purity?
By living according to your word.

2 Timothy 2:15 Rightly handle it

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.

Psalms 56:4 Praise it

In God, whose word I praise—
in God I trust and am not afraid.
What can mere mortals do to me?

Philippians 2:14-16 Hold firmly on to it

Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, "children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation." Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky as you hold firmly to the word of life.

Psalms 33:4 Crave it

Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation.

James 1:21 Put our hope in it

You are my refuge and my shield;
I **have put my hope** in your word.

Psalms 130:5 Put our hope in it

I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits,
and in his word I put my hope.

John 15:7 Remain in it

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

Proverbs 4:20-21 Turn our ear to the Word and keep our eyes on it

My son, pay attention to what I say; turn your ear to my words.
Do not let them out of your sight,
keep them within your heart.

Colossians 3:16 Let it dwell among us richly

Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

Proverbs 4:20-21 Give attention to it and keep it in your heart

²⁰ My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings.

²¹ Do not let them depart from your eyes; Keep them in the midst of your heart...

Psalms 119:11 Hide it in our heart

I have hidden your word in my heart
that I might not sin against you.

Proverbs 4:5 Remember it and stay in it

Get wisdom, get understanding;
do not forget my words or turn away from them.

Job 23:12 Treasure it

From the commandment of his lips, indeed I have not departed; I have treasured the words of his mouth more than my daily food.

7 CAN THE WORD BECOME UNFRUITFUL?

Matthew 13:18-23 Listen then to what the parable of the Sower means: ¹⁹ When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and **does not understand it**, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path.

²⁰ The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. ²¹ But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When **trouble or persecution comes because of the word**, they quickly fall away. ²² The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the **worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word**, making it unfruitful.

²³ But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

Conclusion: If we don't pay attention to the Word, we pay attention to the World and the Word becomes unfruitful.

7 WHO KNOWS THE WORD?

2 Samuel 23:2 Those who speak by the spirit of God

The Spirit of the Lord speaks by me; his word is on my tongue.

Revelation 1:2 Those who bear witness

Who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw. (This scripture is talking about John. From Isaiah 43 we know that those whom God has chosen are also called witnesses.)

1 John 5:20 Those who have been given understanding and are in him

And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.

John 15:7-8 Those whose prayers are answered and bear much fruit

⁷ If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. ⁸ By this My Father is glorified, that **you bear much fruit**; so you will be My disciples.

John 14:21 Those who keep his commandments/do what is righteous

21 Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and **manifest myself to him**.

Those who are holy

1 Peter 1:16 Be holy, because I am holy.

Those who bear his image

Ephesians 4:24 And put on the new nature created in God's image, in true righteousness and holiness.

1 John 2:6 Those who walk like Jesus

Whoever says he abides in him must walk in the same manner (live in the same way) as Jesus did.