



## CELL GUIDE

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**TOPIC** The Word-Empowered Church

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**THEME** High Praises & A Double-Edged Sword

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# MESSAGE SUMMARY

## A Word-Empowered Church

The Word of God is the sword of the Spirit (Eph 6:17) and a double-edged sword (Ps 149:6; Heb 4:12; Rev 2:12) which can cut right through to our hearts. As part of a disciplemaking church, BBTcians are called to be more effective Priests and Kings by posturing ourselves rightly to the Word, with a working knowledge of this double-edged sword and wielding the sword of the Spirit.

In this second part of the two-part sermon on Ps 149:6, SP Daniel Foo shares with us the importance of heeding the Word of God in order to be a Word-empowered believer.

## Centre Our Lives Around the Word of God

### WE NEED TO BUILD A STRONG WORD-LIFE BECAUSE:

- i. **The Word of God is spiritual life for us.** John 6:63,68 – It is the Spirit and the life that will energise, encourage and edify us.
- ii. **The Word of God gives us direction in life.** John 1:1,4; Ps 119:105 – All the principles behind the life decisions that we need to make are available in the Scriptures. Hence, as followers of Christ, we need to heed the Word of God.
- iii. **The Word of God is life and health to us.** Prov 4:20-22 – We may be saved in our spirit and transformed in our soul, but our physical body will remain corrupted until Jesus returns. Hence, when times are tough, go back to the Word.
- iv. **God always fulfils His Word.** Ps 138:2 – Prayer is of no use when we disobey His principles. Therefore, know His Word, and He will magnify them above His name.

The best posture to walk victoriously in life is to submit to God and bring our attitudes under the authority of the Scriptures so that we can become Word-empowered believers.

### 1. **We must posture ourselves to receive revelation when partaking the Word (Prov 4:20-23).**

Our attentions are drawn to different things in the Word because we are faced with different issues in life. Therefore, we must posture (decide) to partake the Word and do it regularly by hearing, reading, studying, remembering and meditating on it, not letting it depart from us. Only by doing so can the Holy Spirit deliver the seed of the Word on the good soil of our lives.

As we posture to partake the Word regularly, we will receive revelation and faith (Rom 10:17).

**2. We must experience the Word to develop Faith Convictions (1 Pet 2:2-3).**

When we continually stand on the Word and experience God coming through for us, especially in the midst of the life issues that we face (such as stress, anxiety and fear, needs, sickness, dangers in life), we grow Faith Convictions (for example, knowing that the Peace of God is present, and having confidence that God is our Provider, Healer and Protector).

**3. We must develop a working knowledge of the Word of God.**

We receive revelation from partaking the Word regularly (e.g. praying and doing our quiet time daily), abiding in the Word by meditation, and through confessing and applying it, we experience the Word.

To confess is to speak forth the Word of God (Prov 18:21; Job 22:28; Num 14:28) in order to develop the spirit of faith (2 Cor 4:13). As we speak from the overflow of our hearts (Matt 12:34b; Prov 4:23), guard our hearts and fill it with the Word (Ps 119:11, Col 3:16), the Word we speak can bring about real transformation in our lives!

**THE DESIRED OUTCOMES OF WIELDING (BELIEVING AND SPEAKING) THE WORD ARE:**

- i. **For salvation.** Rom 10:9-10 – God has appointed us to be ambassadors of His reconciliation, so we need to also tactically pray for the salvation of our loved ones (2 Cor 4:3-4) by praying against the things that are causing spiritual blindness, and praying that the light of the Gospel shine upon their hearts.
- ii. **For wisdom to make our way prosperous.** (Jos 1:8; Ps 1:1-3). In order to be prosperous (to succeed in life), we need to meditate on the Word daily and pursue a guilt-free, no-condemnation relationship with God. He loves us and because of that, we can have confidence in His plans for us, knowing that He will work all things for our good.
- iii. **The Word is key to answered prayer.** When we pray according to the will of God as stated in the Bible, our prayers will be answered (John 5:14-15) and we will be blessed.
- iv. **To be a king as called by the Lord with His authority.** (Rev 1:5-6). As kings, we exercise authority by commanding and rebuking the “mountains”, i.e. demons, sickness, situations, etc. We cast out demons (Luke 10:19), rebuke sickness and diseases (Luke 4:39) and take authority over the environment of our situations (Matt 21:19, Mark 4:39) all in the name of Jesus.

## Conclusion

God wants to plant the seed of His Word in every believer (Isa 61:3). When we speak the Word of God, angels heed the spoken Word and work on our behalf (Ps 103:20). And when we grow up deeply rooted in His Word, we can then administer the grace of God to those who cross our path. Therefore, let us seal our spirit with the Word of God and allow Him to direct us towards being a Word-empowered believer!

# QUESTIONS

As a disciplemaking church, we are called to be effective priests and kings, as stated in the BBTC Vision Statement. SP teaches that we can only do this by having a strong Word life – why is this so?

What is your current posture towards the Word of God?  
What needs to be changed or improve, and what can you do about it starting today?

The Word teaches that though we are Priests and Kings of the Most High God, unbelievers have been blinded by the evil one and are unable to recognise the good news (2 Cor 4:3). Have you seen this blindness manifest in the lives of the unbelieving? What have you learnt through this sermon that will help you reach out more effectively to the unsaved?