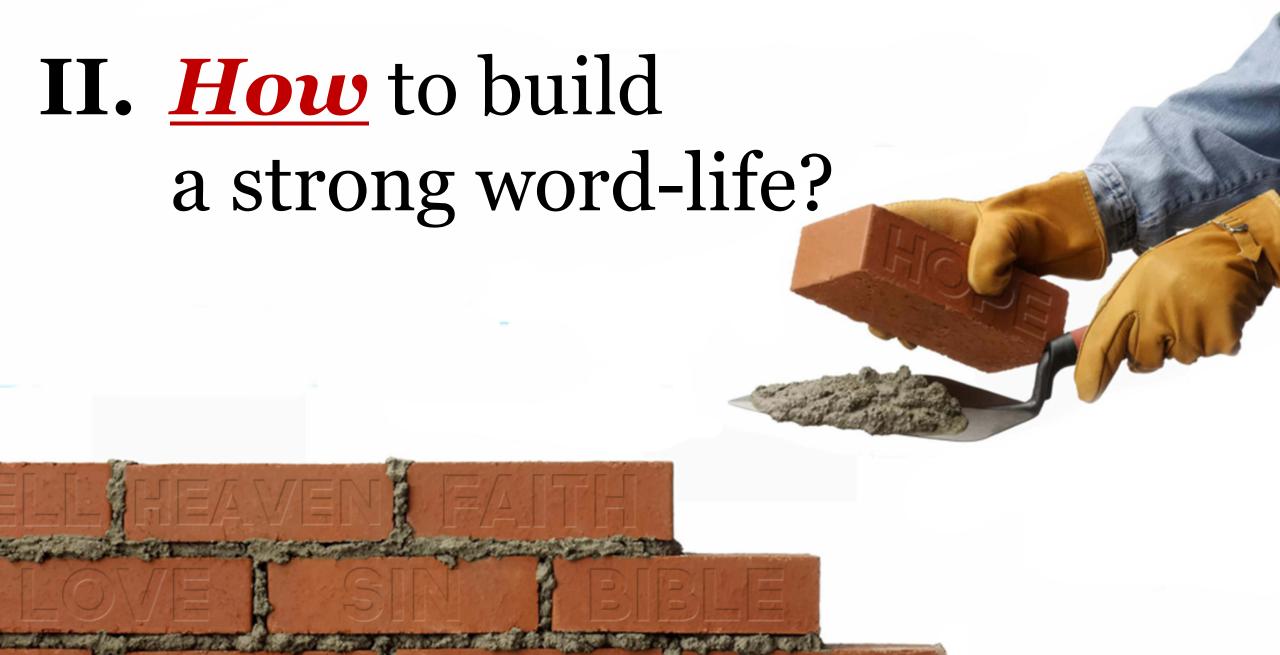


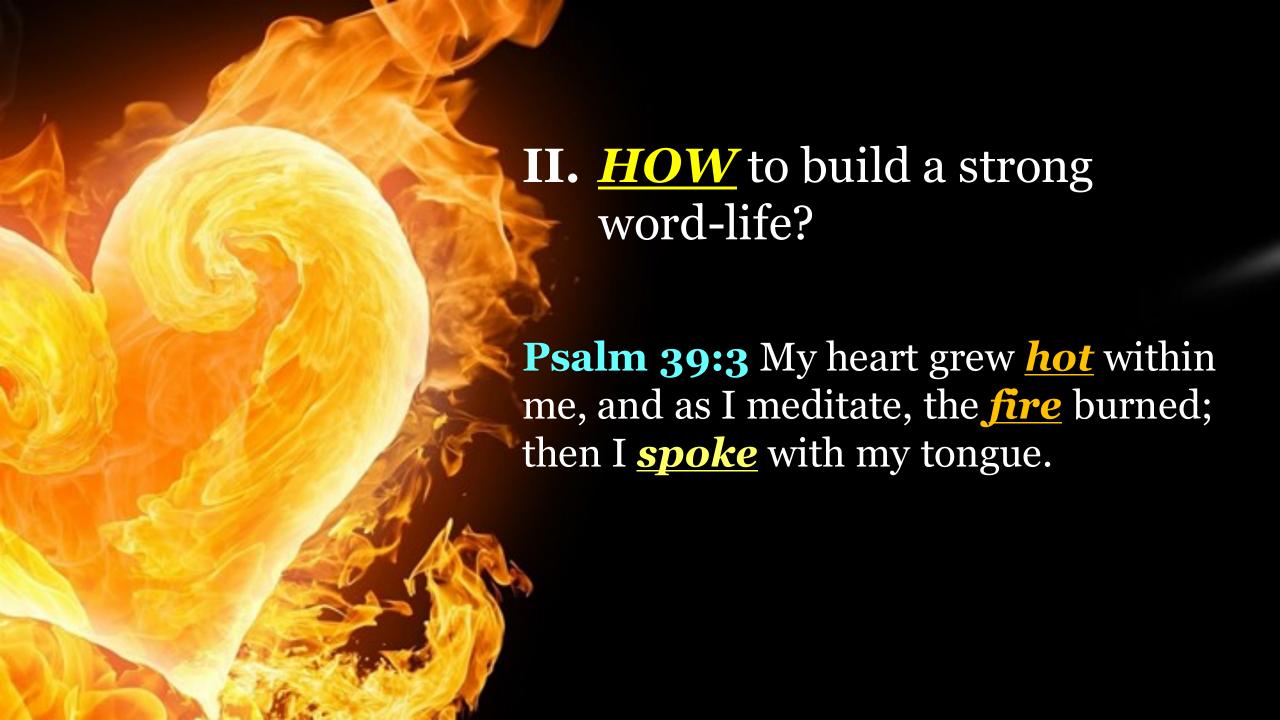


REVIEW - I. Why build a strong word-life?

- 1. The Word <u>strengthens</u> my spirit-man.
- 2. The Word makes my way prosperous.
- 3. The Word is <u>revelation</u> for direction and decisions in life.
- 4. Because it is <u>life</u> and <u>health</u> to us.
- **5.** The Word is power to restrain me from <u>sin</u>.
- **6.** The Word is **wisdom** and **revelation** to me.
- 7. The Word is my spiritual <u>weapon</u>.
- 8. The Word is key to <u>answered prayer</u>.
- 9. The Word is key to an abundant life
- 10. A command of God.

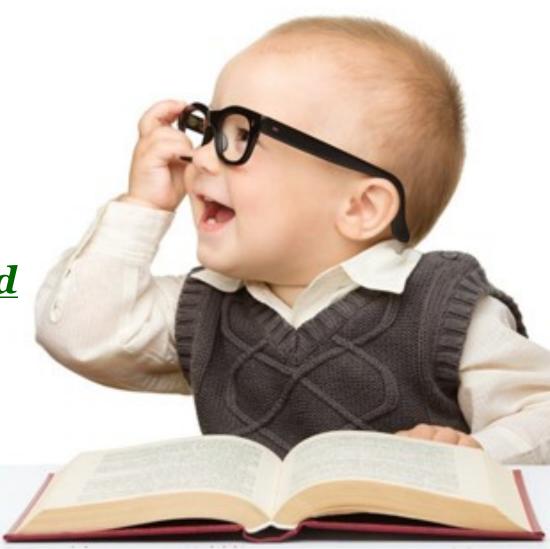






II. <u>HOW</u> to build a strong word-life?

Jeremiah 15:16 Your Words were <u>found</u> and I <u>ate</u> them and Your Word was to me the <u>joy and rejoicing</u> of my heart ...









A. Develop a <u>seeking-open</u> heart to partake the Word.

John 5:39-40
39 You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life ... 40 yet you refuse to come to me to have life.

Ezra 7:10 For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the Law of the LORD ...

A. Develop a <u>seeking-open</u> heart to partake the Word.

Proverbs 4:20-21

20 My son, <u>pay attention</u> to what I say; <u>listen closely</u> to my words. **21** <u>Do not let them out of your sight</u>, <u>keep them within your heart</u>.



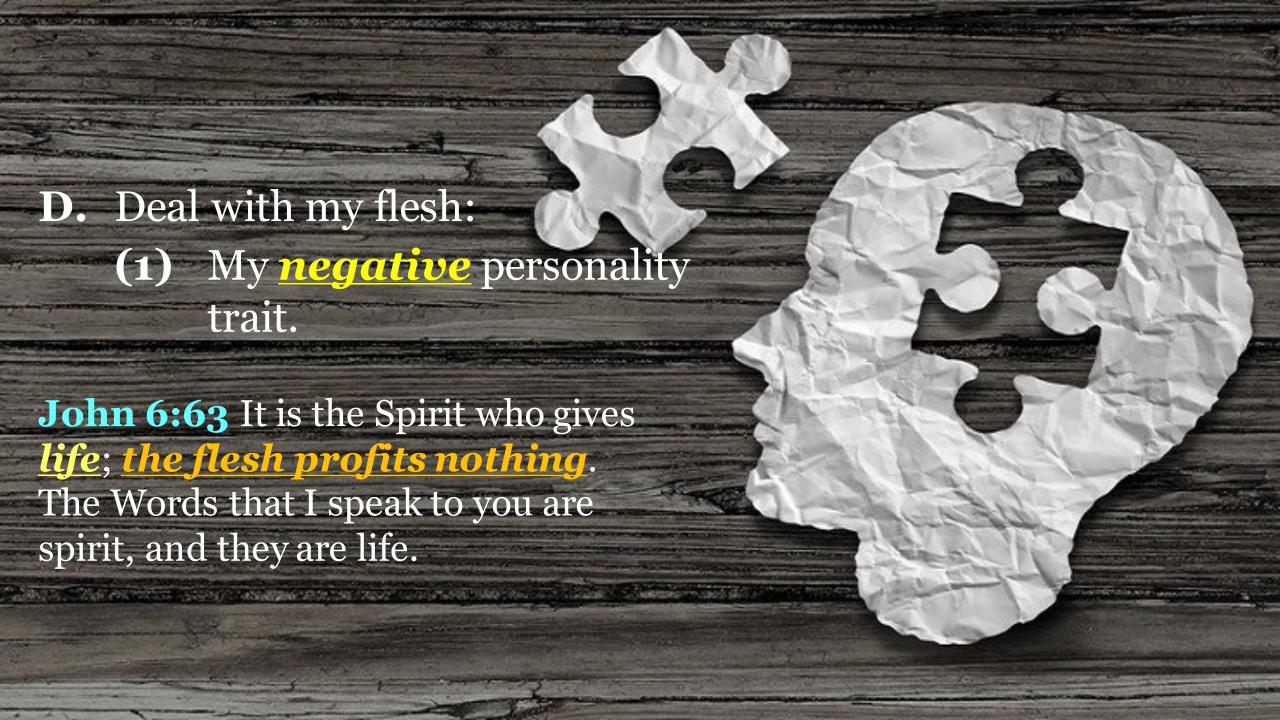
B. Asking the Father for the Spirit of **wisdom** and **revelation**.

Ephesians 1:17-18

17 I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the *Spirit of wisdom and revelation*, so that you may know him better. 18 I pray also that the <u>eyes</u> of your heart may be <u>enlightened</u> ...

C. We must believe and <u>obey</u>. i.e. *Application of the Word*

Ezra 7:10 For Ezra had *prepared his heart to seek* the Law of the LORD, *and to do it*, and to *teach* statutes and ordinances in Israel.



D. Deal with my flesh:

(2) My personal <u>baggage</u>.

Hebrews 12:1 ... let us lay aside <u>every weight</u> (<u>baggage</u>), and the sin which so easily ensnares us ...



- (2) Hebrews 12:1:
 Deal with personal <u>baggage</u>.
 - A. Unhealed Hurts
 - B. Unmet Needs
 - C. <u>Unresolved Issues</u>
 - D. Certain Relationships
 - E. Certain Activities



E. We must develop a **love** for the Word of the Lord.

1 Corinthians 2:9 But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared *for those* who love Him."

E. We must develop a <u>love</u> for the Word of the Lord.

2 Thessalonians 2:10 and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the *love of the truth*, that they might be saved.





2. WHAT does it mean to Meditate the Word?



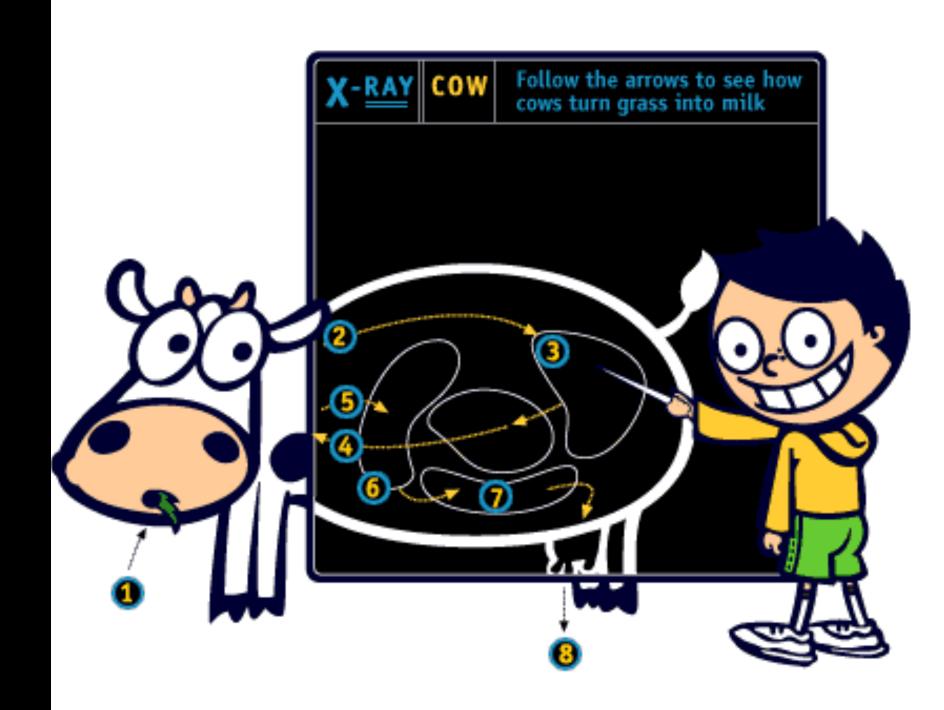
A. To <u>meditate</u> means:





Meditate

like the cow chewing



B. The <u>purpose</u> of Meditation is to have the Word "<u>written</u>" / <u>hidden on the tablets of our hearts</u>.



C. **HOW** to meditate the Word?

Isaiah 28:10 For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line, here a little, there a little.



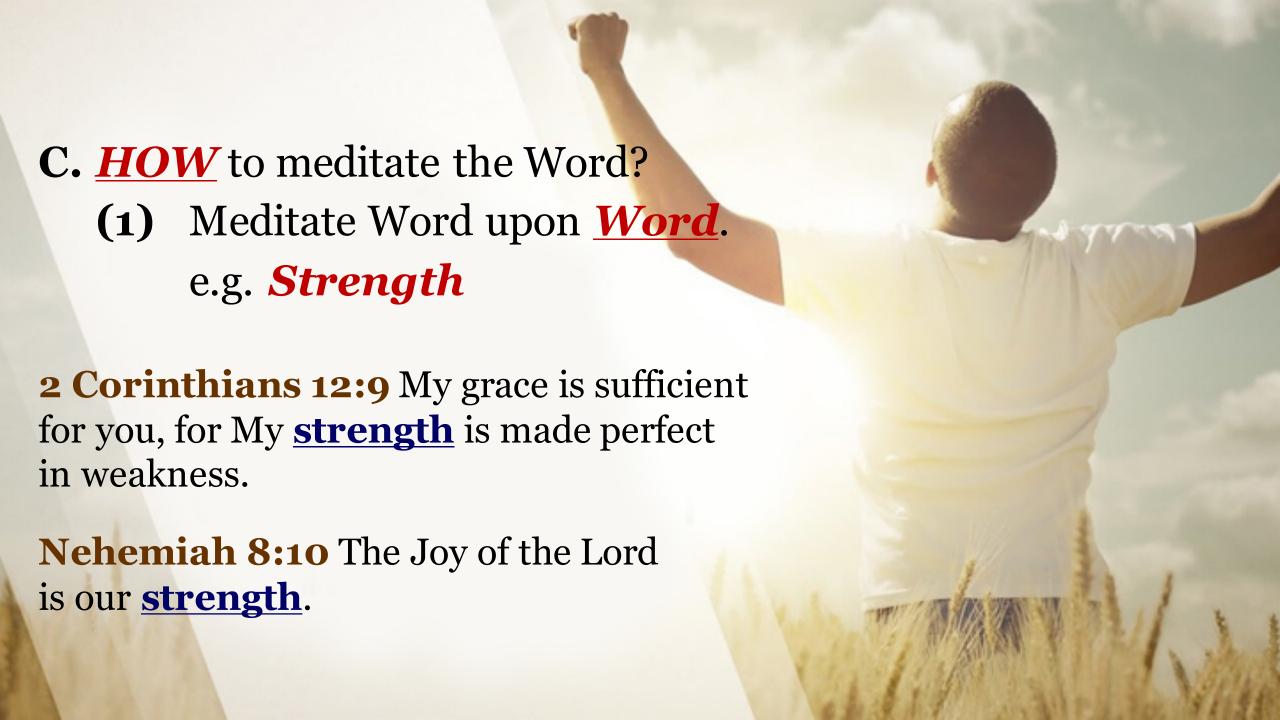


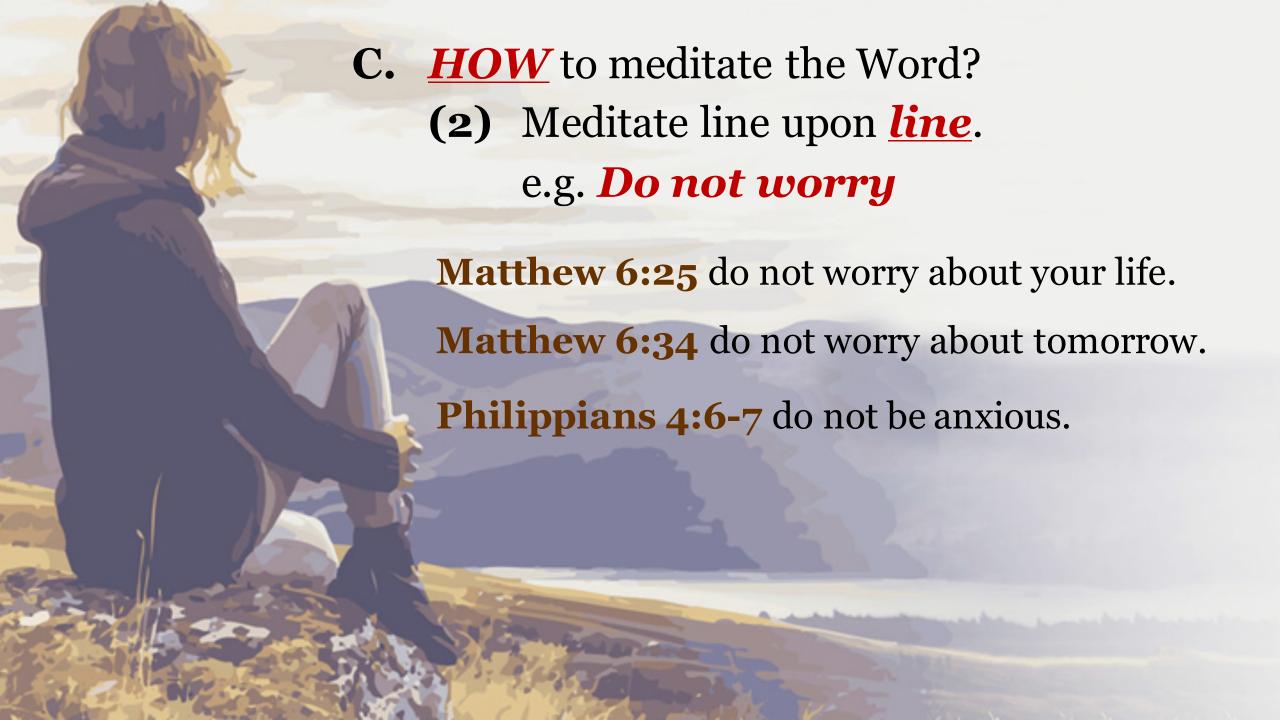
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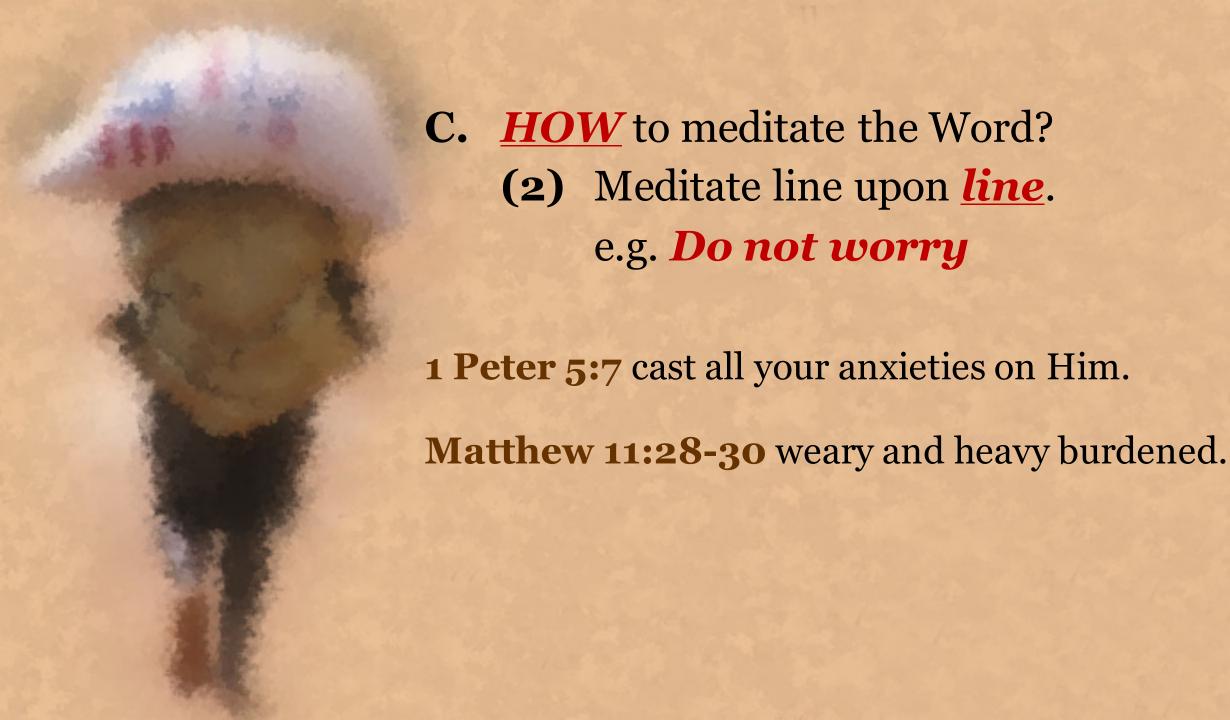
(1) Meditate Word upon <u>Word</u>.e.g. <u>Strength</u>

Psalm 18:1 I love You, O Lord my strength.

Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ Who gives me <u>strength</u>.







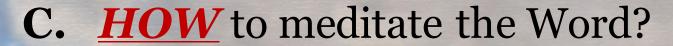
C. **HOW** to meditate the Word?

(3) Meditate precept upon <u>precept</u>. e.g. <u>Trials</u>

John 16:33 in this world you will have trouble ...

1 Corinthians 10:13 God will not allow you to be in **trouble** you cannot overcome.

1 Peter 1:6-7 trials to purify our faith.



(3) Meditate precept upon <u>precept</u>. e.g. <u>Trials</u>

James 1:24 <u>trials</u> develop perseverance, maturity - lack nothing.

Romans 5:3-5 <u>trials</u> produce perseverance, character, hope and love.



3. **Confess** the Word.

Psalm 39:3 My heart grew <u>hot</u> within me, and as I <u>meditated</u>, the fire burned; then I <u>spoke</u> with my tongue ...

To CONFESS means to <u>speak forth</u> the Word in us. To *CONFESS* means to <u>speak forth</u> the Word in us.

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.

Proverbs 18:21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit.



(1) Because it builds our <u>Faith</u>.

Hebrews 3:1 Apostle and High Priest of our confession.

Hebrews 4:14 Hold firmly to <u>the faith</u> we <u>profess</u>.

Hebrews 10:23 Hold fast the <u>confession</u> of our faith without wavering.





(3) The **Principle/Law** of confessing the Word.

Agreement of the *heart* and the *mouth*.

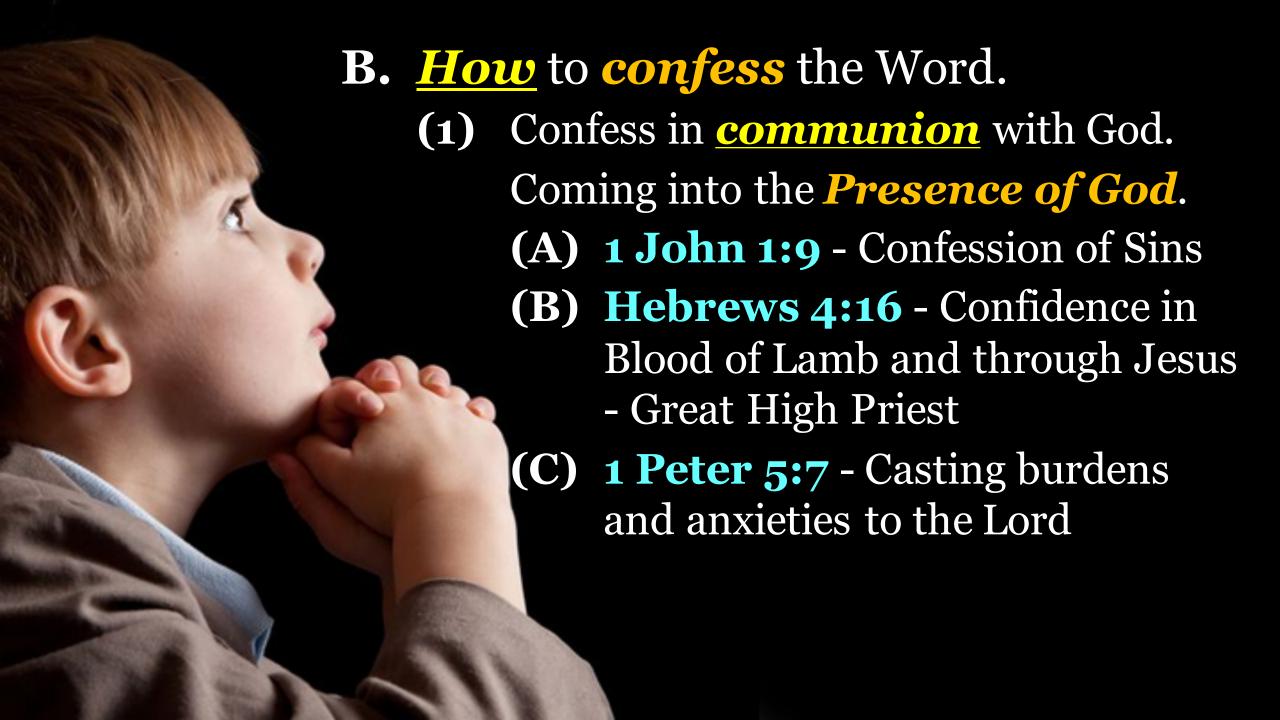
Romans 10:9-10

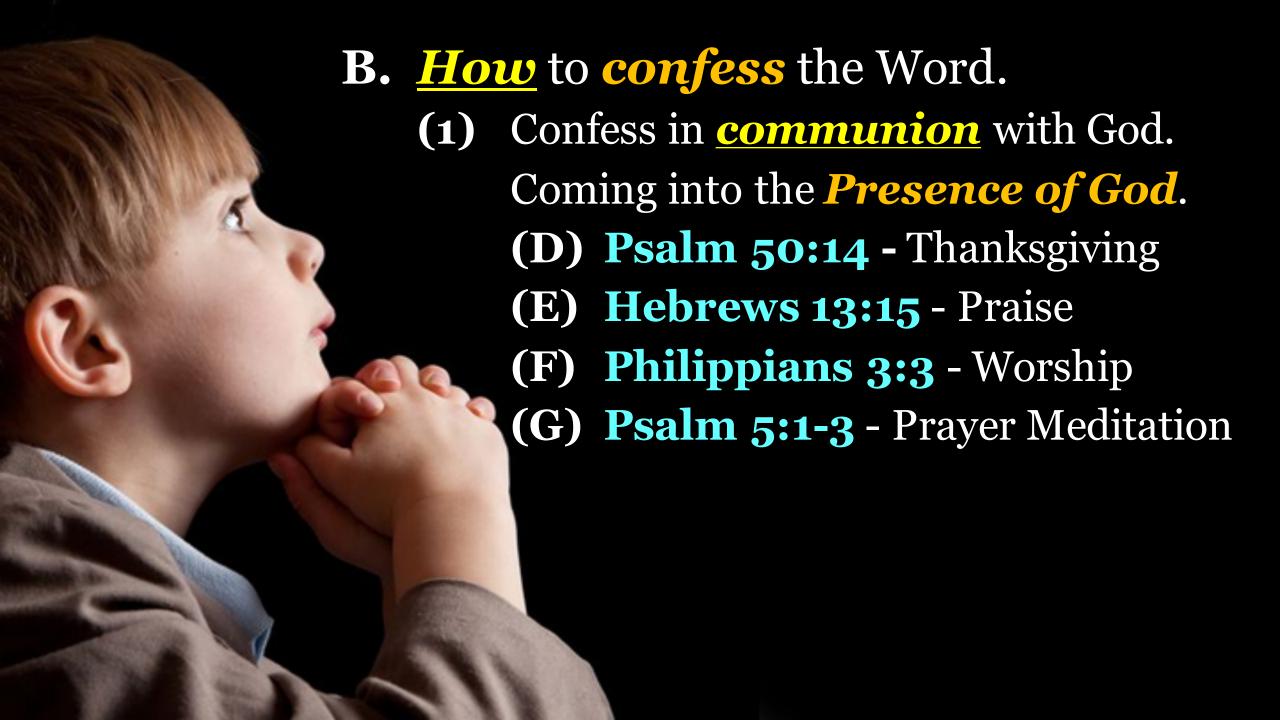
9 that if you confess with your <u>mouth</u> the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with <u>the heart one believes</u> unto righteousness, and with <u>the mouth confession</u> is made unto salvation.



(3) The *Principle/Law* of confessing the Word. Agreement of the *heart* and the *mouth*.

John 15:7 If you abide in Me, and <u>My words</u> abide in you, you will <u>ask</u> what you desire, and it shall be <u>done</u> for you.





- **B.** *How* to *confess* the Word.
 - (2) Confess to *minister* to one another.

Luke 4:18 The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the *gospel* to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of *sight* to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed ..

1 Peter 4:10-11

- **B.** How to confess the Word.
 - (2) Confess to <u>minister</u> to one another.

1 Corinthians 14:3 But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men.



- C. How to confess the Word.
 - (3) Confess as to <u>resist rebuke</u> the evil one.

Isaiah 54:17 No weapon forged against you will prevail, and you will *refute* every tongue that accuses you. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and this is their vindication from me," declares the LORD.

