



CELL GUIDE

TOPIC Build a Strong Word-Life

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MESSAGE SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

A strong Word-life is inseparable from our relationship with God. As believers grow deeper in understanding and applying God's Word, they walk more intimately with Him and grow stronger spiritually. Ps Daniel encouraged everyone to be filled with God's word and the Holy Spirit, so that we may live confidently as children of God.

BUILD A STRONG WORD-LIFE

1) Why build a strong word-life?

- a) Because we are commanded to - God calls us to dwell in His Word and keep it written on the tablet of our hearts (Col 3:16; Pro 3:3; Pro 7:3).
- b) Because the Word strengthens our spirit-man - God's Word is Spirit and life, it nourishes our inner-being (John 6:63).
- c) Because it makes our way victorious and successful - Meditating on God's Word guides our steps and brings prosperity in His ways (Jos 1:8; Ps 1:1-3).
- d) Because it brings revelation for direction and decision-making - the Word is light, illuminating our paths to choose wisely (John 1:1, 4; Ps 119:105).
- e) Because it brings life and health - those who find His Word find life and healing (Pro 4:22, 18:21).
- f) Because it guards our heart from sin (Psa 119:11).
- g) Because it readies us for battle - the Word is our spiritual weapon, the sword of the Spirit (Rev 12:11; Eph 6:17).
- h) Because it is the key to answered prayer (John 15:7).

2) How to build a strong word-life?

a) Revelation (Psa 39:3; Jer 15:16)

Revelation comes through seeking God's Word. God reveals His Word through insights, spiritual downloads and illumination (Heb 8:10, 10:16; Eph 1:18). The Holy Spirit provides inward witness and

spiritual understanding (Rom 8:16; 1Cor 2:9-14). Correct interpretation of Scripture and hearing by faith is crucial (2Tim 2:15; Gal 3:2,5; Rom 10:17).

As we read His Word, we must consider it as a whole:

- i) Know and understand that God is loving, just and righteous (Jer 9:23-24).
- ii) God has allowed man free will and established laws and principles of life on earth. Man is responsible for his choices and their consequences, sowing and reaping (Deut 30:19; Gal 6:7-8).
- iii) Every truth, doctrine and principle must be based on the full weight of Scripture (Ps 119:160; 2Tim 3:16).
- iv) Hebraic writings often attribute actions directly to the sovereignty of God, yet it is not God who did it directly. The action is a result of the outworking of His established laws and principles of life. Always look for the underlying principle at work in a verse or passage (e.g. 1Sam 2:25, 17, 22, 18:10, 8; Eph 4:26-27).
- v) Pain and suffering arise from four main sources: human fallenness such as conflict, sickness, accidents, the evil one (John 10:10, 8:44; Eph 4:27), personal faults or failures (1Pet 4:15, 2:20a) and for righteousness' sake (1Pet 3:14, 4:13, 4:14, 4:16; 2Tim 3:12). God is not the direct source of sufferings (James 1:17; Isa 5:20).
- vi) Distinguish between commandments to obey and principles to learn and apply.

Revelation builds faith, removes doubts, diffuses ungodly beliefs and guards our hearts (James 3:17; Heb 5:14). Ps Daniel encouraged regular intake of the Word through hearing, reading, studying, remembering, meditating and applying it (Acts 17:11; Eph 1:17; Pro 4:20-21).

b) Meditation (Psa 39:3; Jer 15:16)

Meditation is contemplating and reflecting on Scripture. Its purpose is to have the Word written and hidden on the tablet of our hearts (Matt 12:34b; Pro 3:3, 7:3; Psa 119:11).

c) Confession (Psa 39:3; Jer 15:16)

Confession is believing and speaking God's Word through prayer, thanksgiving, praise, worship, songs and declaration (Pro 18:12; Matt 12:34b). Developing a strong Word-life strengthens the spirit of faith (2Cor 4:13; Heb 11:6). As we consistently stand on God's Word and experience His faithfulness, our faith convictions grow (1 Pet 2:2-3).

CONCLUSION

Spiritual growth develops through a deep hunger, thirst, and passion for God's Word. Just as the Lord was with Samuel and "none of his words fell to the ground" (1 Sam 3:19), our words will bear fruit when aligned with God. As we pray, meditate and confess Scripture intentionally and consistently, allowing His Spirit to guide us, we will grow into strong and fruitful trees of righteousness, rooted in His Word (Isa 61:3).

QUESTIONS

1. What is one Bible verse or passage that has been especially meaningful to you and has given you light or direction?

2. Building a strong Word-life is both God's command and His promise. Which of the reasons mentioned in the sermon to build a strong Word-life resonates with you most, and why?

3. What are some challenges you face in growing your Word-life? Through revelation, meditation and confession, what is one practical step you will take this week to strengthen your Word-life?