



## CHANGING THE WORLD ONE WORD AT A TIME!

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# The Word

It is written in Matthew 4:4, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.” These words spoken by Jesus Himself, reveal to us how He lived and show us the pattern of how we are to live.

The significance of the Word of God in our life is monumental. If we are to mature spiritually and display the fruit of God in our lives the word is essential. If we overlook or dismiss it, we will remain a babe in Christ.

The wonderful thing about our Heavenly Father is His unconditional love and acceptance. We do not have to “work to be accepted” or “perform to gain His approval”. Yet in His grace and love, He will not let us remain the same way He found us.

The **application** of the Word in our **daily** life produces the character of God in us. Galatians 5:22 relates the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance. God's purpose is for others to see Jesus in us.

II Timothy 3:16, 17 (NAS version), “*All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God maybe adequate, equipped for every good work.*”

1. Doctrine – Establishing the order of God in our lives.
2. Reproof – Dismantling erroneous teaching or doctrine.
3. Correction – The assimilation of truth in thought, word or actions
4. Instruction – Systematic instruction of God's Word producing - Spirit led living.

In order to walk in the truth that God is speaking throughout the church, we must be pliable and teachable. If our hearts have become dry and hardened this hinders us from experiencing God's fresh manna daily. This hardness causes us to become unteachable. Jesus compares us to a “wine skin” in Matthew 9:1(NAS version), “*Nor do people put new wine into old wineskins; otherwise the wineskins burst, and the wine pours out and the wineskins are ruined; but they put new wine into fresh wineskins, and both are preserved.*” If we remain pliable and teachable, we are able to receive and keep God's Word in our hearts.

The seriousness of not applying the Word of God results in becoming hearers and not doers. James 1:22, “*But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.*” When we do not allow the Word to change us and become part of us, disobedience to God is the result.

We like to choose the Word we receive and choose the Word we reject. Perhaps we base these decisions on maintaining our comfort level. Again, II Timothy 3:16 relates, “**ALL SCRIPTURE IS PROFITABLE**”. We do not have an option to reject any of God's Word. God is constantly trying to get His Word to us to bring us our much sought after breakthrough. Too many times the very Word we need for our breakthrough is the Word we choose not to hear. It is time to hear and embrace **the Word**.

*Now is the time to make the decision the Word of God must be first and must be the final authority in my life.*

#### **NEWS AND NOTES:**

- *2007 was a super year. We wanted to share some of the activities and testimonies that God enabled us to do. Many of our readers are not local and we hope this will be a blessing and an encouragement of God's faithfulness.*
- Through the favor of God, we are currently on two World Harvest shortwave radio stations. One broadcasts over the continent of Africa, and some of the Middle East. The second broadcasts over Europe, Canada and the United States. It is a blessing to be able to broadcast "Changing the World Broadcast" to potentially millions of people around the world. We praise God for this blessing.
- We gave a number of devotional books to the inmates at the Lake County Jail.
- The Lord also enabled us to send help to pastors in India and the Philippines. We were able to send Bible studies, tapes, handouts, clothes and some monetary help as well. The reports we receive back are a real blessing.
- When the tornados hit Florida, we were able to take 40-45 boxes of food to Paisley. We went back a second time with baby supplies and materials.
- We also gave boxes of food to a local drug rehab.
- We gave out food boxes for Thanksgiving and toys at Christmas.

#### **ANSWERED PRAYERS**

- One lady in our church had to go through some extensive surgery and came through speedily.
- A young man was facing a tough sentence and headed for prison time, but God intervened and the judge adjudicated, all charges.
- A lady had a small growth on the top of her nose, she prayed and it disappeared.
- A five-year-old girl had growths on her hands and eyelids, after prayer they disappeared.
- We had two people sell the houses they had on the market even in the midst of a slow market. One of the houses was among several houses for sale in the same block.
- A man in prison shared how the materials we sent him brought about a revival in the prison and the prayer for him has helped him immensely.
- We have been sending a care package (toiletries and feminine products, that are not available to them) to two families in Zimbabwe for several years. The last shipment had not arrived after two and a half months. We just received an email that it arrived; it was unopened and no duty was charged. This was an answer to specific prayer.

*We praise God and give Him all the glory for the things done in 2007. We are believing God for even greater opportunities to spread the gospel in 2008. We would love to hear from you and if you have a need, we would consider it a privilege to pray for you. Please see front of newsletter for contact information.*

*God's love and blessings,  
Pastors Steve & Cathy*