

POWER OF THE INDWELLING WORD

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INTRODUCTION

- A. *"How that our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit,"* (I Thess. 1:5).
1. By which (The Word) they became Christians.
 2. Turned to God from idols. (To serve a Living God).
 3. Look for the return of the Son of God.
 4. Deliverance from the "wrath to come".
- B. *"And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be upon thy heart; and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thy house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thy hand, and they shall be for frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the door-posts of thy house, and upon thy gates."* (Deut. 6:6-9).
1. Is there a purpose for this?
 2. What good does it do? This is our lesson today.
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DWELL IN US

- A. *"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; in all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts unto God."* (Col. 3:16).
1. We need to put the emphasis on "dwell" To remain or make its abode within us. To live in us. Make us its residence.
 2. Our life is open to, and His Word is our invited guest.
- B. HOW DOES IT ENTER INTO US? (To Dwell).
1. *"His delight is in the law of Jehovah; and on his law doth he meditate day and night."* (Psalms 1:2).
 2. What does it mean to "meditate" on His Word?
 3. "Study to show..." (II Tim. 2:15).
 4. Read, Listen, Practice
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GOD'S WORD IS

A. POWERFUL!

1. *"For no word from God shall be void of power."* (Luke 1:37).
2. Gen. 1: God said, let there be....and it was.

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B. IS SHARP.

1. *"For the Word of God is living, and active, and sharper than any two-edged sword,.. "* (Heb. 4:12).
2. It is the "Sword of the Spirit" (Eph. 6:17).

C. SHALL NEVER PASS AWAY.

1. *"Heaven and earth shall pass away; but my words shall not pass away."* (Mark 13:31).
 2. Peter tells us the same thing in I Peter 1:25.
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JESUS USED IT

A. THE TEMPTATIONS OF JESUS.

1. When He was hungry..."Command that these stones become bread"
2. Make trial of God. "Cast yourself down".
3. "All these will I give thee....IF...."

B. JESUS USED THE WORD OF GOD FOR HIS ANSWER.

1. *"It is written....."*
 2. In each instance, when confronted by Satan, Jesus could rely upon God's Word.
 3. Thus He could encourage us to let the Word of God **dwel**l in us!
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When We Are Tempted

A. TO USE PROFANITY:

1. *"Thou shalt not take the name of Jehovah thy God in vain: for Jehovah will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain."* (Deut. 5:11).
2. "O my God"....that is profanity.
3. The help that is ours when God's Word dwells in us.

B. TO LIE:

1. *"But the fearful, and unbelieving, and abominable, and murderers, and fornicators, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, their part shall be in the lake that burneth with fire and brimstone; which is the second death."* (Rev. 21:8).
2. Not white lies, not black lies, Just all liars.
3. God's Word tells us that lying is one of the "seven things" that God hates. (Proverbs 6:17).
4. How can we lie, when we have God's Word living in us?

C. TO STEAL:

1. *"Let him that stole, steal no more....."* (Eph. 4:28).
2. *"Thou Shall Not Steal....."* (Exodus 20:15).

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D. IMMORAL CONDUCT:

1. *"Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these: fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousies, wraths, factions, divisions, parties, envyings, drunkenness, revellings, and such like; of which I forewarn you, even as I did forewarn you, that they who practice such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God."* (Gal. 5:19-21).
2. Revelation 21:8

E. WHEN WE ARE TEMPTED TO MISTREAT OTHERS...

1. "The Golden Rule"
 2. Have the mind of Christ in you...(Phil. 2:5).
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WHEN WE ARE

A. DISCOURAGED:

1. Psalms 23.
2. *"Not that I speak in respect of want; for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therein to be content. I know how to be abased, and I know also how to abound: in everything and in all things have I learned the secret both to be filled and to be hungry, both to abound and to be in want. I can do all things in him that strengtheneth me."* (Phil. 4:11-13).

B. WORRIED:

1. Matthew 6:25-33.
2. Phil. 4:6.

C. LOSE OUR WAY:

1. What do I do next?
 2. Which way should I go, where should I turn to?
 3. *"Thy word, is a lamp unto my feet, and light unto my path."* (Ps. 119:105)
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CONCLUSION

A. WE NEED TO LET THE WORD OF CHRIST DWELL IN US BECAUSE:

1. It saves us....James 1:21-22.
2. It will judge us.....John 12:48.

B. WITHOUT IT WE WILL ERR

1. *"Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God."* (Matt. 22:29).
2. What a tremendous help is our in living the Christian Life, if we have the Word of God dwelling in us.

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