

Benefits of a Word – Ruled Mind

Knowing God's Promises in His Word

But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises. Hebrews 8:6

It is God's purpose that all of us, as believers, receive everything He has provided for us in our New Covenant through Christ Jesus. But in order for God to be able to do this, He needs us to cooperate with Him. That's why He gave us His written Word. For us to receive what God has provided for us, we've got to know what God's Word says, as well as how to apply the promises of God to our life.

A lack of knowledge of God's Word and how to apply it causes people to stumble around in life, trying to get along as best they can. This ignorance keeps a person from acting on the Word, which in turn, causes spiritual weakness. Consequently, these kinds of Christians never grow and develop spiritually because they've never grasped the reality of redemption through Christ Jesus that is revealed in God's Word.

A spiritually weak person is very similar to a religious person. Both of them believe in God and know that He can do miracles, but neither one knows anything about what the Word of God promises. *(Or if they do know something, they know very little)*. They usually don't carry their Bible with them and they can't find scripture in the Bible because it is not that important to them. They don't want to take the time or effort to learn the Word.

It's very dangerous for a believer not to know God's Word. Never go to church without taking your Bible with you. Wherever you go – to work, or running errands, you want your Bible accessible so you can turn to the verse of scripture that you need at the time. You don't want to rely on memorization. God paid a high price to get His Word to you, and you want to honor and respect God's Word.

It's not right if you've been saved for a period of time, and you still can't find scriptures in your Bible. If your pastor doesn't teach you how to use your Bible and find scripture, you've got the wrong pastor, and it's going to cost you someday... it can even cost you your very life!

Strong in the Lord by being Strong in His Word

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; Ephesians 6:10-18

And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, Being forty days tempted of the devil. And in those days he did eat nothing: and when they were ended, he afterward hungered. And the devil said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, command this stone that it be made bread. And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God. And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it. If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. And he brought him to Jerusalem, and set him on a pinnacle of the temple, and said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down from hence: For it is written, He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee: And in *their* hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. And Jesus answering said unto him, It is said, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. And when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from him for a season. And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read. And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written, The Spirit of the Lord *is* upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. And he closed the book, and he gave *it* again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him. And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears. And all bare him witness, and wondered at the gracious

words which proceeded out of his mouth. And they said, Is not this Joseph's son? Luke 4:1- 13; 16 - 22

And it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he stood by the lake of Gennesaret, Luke 5:1

Remember, God wishes above all things that you prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers (3 John 2).

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