

The Importance of God's Word in Manhood

Psalms 119:1-2

Blessed are they whose ways are blameless,
who walk according to the law of the LORD.
Blessed are they who keep his statutes
and seek him with all their heart. NIV

In being a disciple

Dear friends, consider how important the bible is in regard to being a Christian. What would we have without it? What would we know of God, of life, of death, of salvation apart from God's Holy revelation to us? This truth is manifest for us and easy to understand. The bible is imperative to our Christian lives. Consider then, why we give it so little attention in regard to daily life. Here is a formula for effective and productive Christian lives! The Word! Read it, meditate on it, delight in it, speak it, breathe it, prefer it, obey it and love it! You want to know how to be blessed?

Luke 11:28 - 28 But He said, "On the contrary, **blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it.**" NAS

Psalms 1:1-3 - How **blessed is the man** who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, Nor stand in the path of sinners, Nor sit in the seat of scoffers! 2 But **his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night.** 3 He will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, Which yields its fruit in its season And its leaf does not wither; And in whatever he does, he prospers. NASU

1. How important is the bible in regard to Christian Life/discipleship?

- It is imperative. From it flows all of the revelation of God and what is necessary for life and the pleasing of God to whom we will give account. Matt 24:35, Duet 8:3, 1 Pet 1:23, John 5:24
- Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom and knowledge, Prov1:7, 9:10
- Origins, Destiny – Heb 9:23, Rev 22, Gen 1
- Judgment – God's righteous standard's by which we are judged – 1 Cor 3:10-15, Rom 2
- Guidance for living, relationships, etc...

To sum this up, we must make the bible the utmost priority of our life. We must have a **HIGH VIEW of God's Word!** We must lift it up and see it as our source for life and guidance, for comfort and for addressing every issue of our lives!

Here are 3 important principles to remember;

1. You must hunger for the Word as for your daily bread!

Job 23:12 - 12 I have not departed from the commands of his lips;

I **have treasured the words of his mouth more than my daily bread.** NIV

Psalms 119:20 - 20 My **soul is consumed with longing for your laws** at all times. NIV

Psalms 119:131 - 131 **I open my mouth and pant, longing for your commands.** NIV

2. Spiritual Maturity comes in direct correlation to understanding and obeying scripture –

Proverbs 2:1-5 - My son, if you accept my words and **store up my commands** within you, 2 turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding, 3 and **if you call out for insight** and **cry aloud for understanding,** 4 and if you **look for it as for**

silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, 5 **then you will understand** the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God. NIV

1 Peter 2:2-3 - 2 Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that **by it you may grow up in your salvation**, 3 now that you have tasted that the Lord is good. NIV

3. **Meditation on scripture must be a daily endeavor** – Psa 1, Josh 1:7-8
Joshua 1:7-8 - 8 Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; **meditate on it day and night**, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. **Then you will be prosperous and successful**. NIV

In being a husband

What issue do we face as a husband that is not summed up in the glorious Word of God! There we learn how to love a woman, how she should be treated and what is the acceptable way to husband a wife! We have everything we need for husbanding in the Word of God! Therefore we have no excuse for a marriage which is faltering, or a wife who is unloved. In the scripture we are told that a husband is to love his wife as Christ loves the church. Where else shall we learn this holy standard of love except in the scripture! Where else will we wash her with the water of the Word! Here are two things to remember in regard to biblical husbanding;

1. Any man who is married ought to know **everything that the bible has to say in regard to marriage**. These should be written on his heart and mind by memory. It is by this knowledge that God expects you to live and husband!
1 Peter 3:7 - 7 You husbands in the same way, **live with your wives in an understanding way**, as with someone weaker, since she is a woman; and show her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered. NAS
2. There is no issue in marriage that cannot be resolved by the application of God's Word, the bible! It is a complete resource for EVERY marriage issue!
2 Peter 1:3 - 3 seeing that His divine power has **granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him** who called us by His own glory and excellence. NAS

In being a father

In God's Word we find all that we need for the parenting of our dear children! More than this we have a mandate from God to impart it to our children diligently! The Word is sufficient for wisdom in raising our children! We must impart to our kids a HIGH VIEW of God's Word! How else will they find it necessary for their lives? If we can teach them this main thing, that God's Word is everything, they will have every resource for an effective, productive and God blessed life!

Deuteronomy 6:5-9 - 5 " You **shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might**. 6 " These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. 7 " You shall **teach them diligently to your sons** and shall **talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up**. 8 " You shall **bind them as a sign** on your hand and they shall be as frontals on your forehead. 9 " You **shall write them** on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. NAS

Psalms 78:4 - 4 We will not conceal them from their children, But **tell to the generation to come the praises of the LORD**, And His strength and His wondrous works that He has done. NAS

Ephesians 6:4 - 4 Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but **bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord**. NAS

Genesis 18:19 - 19 "For I have chosen him, so **that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice**, so that the LORD may bring upon Abraham what He has spoken about him." NAS