

WISDOM FROM GOD'S WORD
Living the Better Life -- Part 5
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Proverbs 2:6 (NLT) *"For the Lord grants wisdom! From His mouth come knowledge and understanding."*

Proverbs 2:10 (NLT) *"For wisdom will enter your heart, and knowledge will fill you with joy."*

Proverbs 3:13 (NLT) *"Joyful is the person who finds wisdom, the one who gains understanding."*

Proverbs 4:7a (NLT) *"Getting wisdom is the wisest thing you can do!"*

The Bible is God's source of wisdom.

GOD PROMISES THE WISDOM FROM HIS WORD WILL...

1. Strengthen your FAITH.

Acts 20:32 (TLB) *"And now I entrust you to God and His care and to His wonderful words that are able to build your faith and give you all the inheritance of those who are set apart for Himself."*

2. Guide your DECISIONS.

Psalms 119:105 (NIV) *"Your Word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path."*

3. Enhance your LIFE.

Joshua 1:8 (NIV) *"Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; 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."*

4. Change your HEART.

Hebrews 4:12 (NLT) *"For the Word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires."*

The 3-D Experience: From Desire to Discipline to Delight

What keeps God's Word from changing your life?
Difficulty ----- Familiarity ----- Priority

HOW TO PRIORITIZE GOD'S WORD...

1. Approach God's Word with ENTHUSIASM.

1 Peter 2:2 (NIV) *"Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation."*

2. Experience it with CONSISTENCY.

Acts 17:11 (NIV) *"Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true."*

3. Discuss it with OTHERS.

Deuteronomy 6:6-7 (NIV) *"These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. ⁷ Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up."*

4. Act on God's Word with IMMEDIACY.

James 1:22-24 (NIV) *"Do not merely listen to the Word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. ²³ Anyone who listens to the Word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror ²⁴ and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like."*

James 1:22-24 (NLT) *"But don't just listen to God's Word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. ²³ For if you listen to the Word and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. ²⁴ You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like."*

The information in the Bible is for transformation.