

Effects of Exposure to God's Word

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The whole counsel of God is contained in Holy Scripture. Its content includes a full revelation of God's character and nature. As we examine its pages, we discover God's thought and mind. The Word of God is latent with wonder-working power. It is through it that God framed the worlds and through its agency that the heaven and earth are being kept in store. The Word is not only a communiqué and demonstration of God's power, but also His very breath. When we share it, we utter the words of Father and Son. When we activate it by mixing it with faith, it brings healing power and freedom to those oppressed by the devil.

What does the Word of God communicate? It defines righteousness. It delivers the full knowledge of God and of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Its primary message is love. The Word of God testifies of Jesus and reveals fullness of truth. When spoken, the words of Scripture become words of eternal life. It tells of things kept secrets from the foundation of the world and fills us with an understanding of God's thought and mind. It unveils the hidden wisdom and mysteries of the kingdom. It teaches us Father's name and reveals Jesus as both the Christ and Son of God. It conveys specific knowledge about repentance from dead works, faith toward God, baptisms, the laying of hands, the resurrection of the dead and eternal judgment. The Word of God is profitable for doctrine, reproof, correction and instruction in righteousness. When delivered faithfully, its message is confirmed by signs following. When conveyed with integrity, the Word of God dispenses the unsearchable riches of Christ.

The Word of God prepares us for service. It makes us wise unto salvation and produces godliness in those who hear and obey it. When we receive its wisdom, the Word of God reproves, rebukes, admonishes, exhorts, establishes, convinces, and edifies in order to make us fruitful in and unto every good work. It prepares us to do

the work of ministry and aids us in the restoration of those who have strayed from the faith.

The Word of God changes us. When we receive its truth, it brings about a new birth and causes us to pass from death into life. It transforms us into a new specimen of God's new creation, makes us partakers of the Holy Spirit and provides us with a taste of the powers of the world to come. The Word of God enlightens, cleanses, and sanctifies us. It purifies the soul and sets it free. It presents us complete in Christ and brings glory, honor and peace. To those who believe, it offers salvation from sin, self, the currents of the age and the devil. It causes rivers of living water to flow from our belly. The Word of God blesses, comforts and confirms that we are true Disciples of Christ. It teaches the reader how to secure the right to be in relationship with Jesus and call him Lord.

What attributes does the Word of God possess? It is eternal, holy, just good, Spiritual and has power to bring forth life. It discerns, reveals and judges the thoughts, intents and secrets of the heart. It is spirit and life. It quickens those who hear it and is sharper than any two-edged sword. It divides asunder soul and spirit. When sown, it grows mightily and prevails.

What benefits does the Word of God afford?

As a result of embracing and obeying it, we receive wages and gather fruit unto eternal life. It produces a divine crop in us and increases our faith. It brings forth and bears fruit in and through us. It brings life everlasting and perfects the love of God in us. The Word of God causes us to abide forever. Father and Son make their abode in those who hear and obey it. It infuses us with God's character and divine nature. Its truth offers us everlasting life and rescues us from condemnation. The Word delivers us from death and ministers life through the name of Jesus. It multiplies peace and delivers the grace of God. It blesses its reader. To the obedient, it provides all those things necessary for life. It allows us entrance into the kingdom and makes its teachers great. The Word of

God extends life, brings hope and delivers a reward. It reconciles us to God. It infuses and seals us with the Spirit. It causes us to grow in grace. It brings life and immortality to light. By it, we sanctify our food. The Word of God offers nourishing and spiritual milk. When uttered, it has often brought about an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Obedience to it guarantees we receive what we ask. Those who hear and keep it are considered friends of God. It gives us access to an answer when we make a request to God. It increase and multiples disciples. The Word of God delivers promises and makes available to us a divine inheritance. It brings success. Obedience to it will give its recipients a right to the tree of life and allow them entrance to the gates into the city of God. It will deliver us from the hour of temptation. The Word of God enables us to escape the corruption and pollution of the world and empowers us to withstand the storms of life.

Take Heed

All who have breath will be judged in the last day according to God's Word. Do not yield to doubt concerning its content or harden your heart by failing to believe its message. If God said it, He will do it. If He spoke it, He will bring it to pass. Doubt diminishes God's mighty works.

Ensure that your traditions do not make God's Word of none effect or that you do not transgress the commandment of God by giving tradition greater honor. Do not lay aside the Word in order to teach as doctrine the commandments of men.

Be aware that the devil seeks to steal the Word when it enters into the heart. Do not allow the Word to be choked by the cares, riches, trials, persecution, the desire for things or the pleasures of this life. Do not be ashamed of Jesus or His words otherwise he will be ashamed of us when he comes into His glory.

Do not be deceived. Those that put away the word of God judge themselves unworthy of everlasting life. There are some in whom the word has no place. He that rejects Jesus and receives not his word will be judged of Father.

The words of Jesus will judge us in the last day. He commands and calls all to repentance. Those who refuse to repent will be met by a Christ who will do battle using the sword of his mouth. Take heed that you do not add or take away from His Word, otherwise He will add to you the plagues that are written in His Word or take away your part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in his Word.