



Living the Word

September 4th, 2016

May the Lord bless Onesiphorus and all his family because he visited me and encouraged me often. His visits revived me like a breath of fresh air. - 2 Timothy 1:6 LB

- **Ruwach** – a wind, breath, a violent exhalation, blast of breath.

Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. - Genesis 1:2 NIV

- **Pneuma** – a current of air, blast of breath, a strong breeze.

The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. - John 6:63 NIV

THE LIVING BIBLE

For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. - Hebrews 4:12 NIV

1. FAITH ACTIVATES THE WORD.

For we also have had the gospel preached to us, just as they did; but the message they heard was of no value to them, because those who heard did not combine it with faith. - Hebrews 4:2 NIV

2. REVELATION ACTIVATES FAITH.

...For nothing is impossible with God. ..."I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said." Then the angel left her. - Luke 1:37-38 NIV

3. MEDITATION ACTIVATES REVELATION.

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. - Joshua 1:7-8 NIV

○ ACCEPT ITS AUTHORITY.

We also thank God continually because, when you received the Word of God which you heard from us, you accepted it, not as the word of men, but actually as it is, the Word of God, which is at work in you who believe. - 1 Thessalonians 2:13 NIV

2 Timothy 3:16 NIV

○ MAKE IT A PART OF YOUR EVERYDAY LIFE.

These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. 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. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates. - Deuteronomy 6:6-9 NIV

○ PUT IT INTO PRACTICE.

Once you know these things you will be blessed if you do them. - John 13:17 NIV

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. - James 1:22 NIV

My Next Step This Week...

- Memorize *Hebrews 4:12*.
- Commit to Crosswind Prayer Week - September 11th-16th.
- Refresh my mind with a devotional habit of Bible reading.
- Give my life to Jesus as Savior and Lord, for the first time.

WALK THE TALK

A Growth Group Guide

1. When you attempt to commit to reading your Bible, do you do “the Bible in a Year” method? Do you read through one book at a time? What has worked best for you?
2. Read 2 Timothy 3:10-17:
 - a. Why did Paul remind Timothy of the tough times and how God saw him through them?
 - b. How important did Paul see the need to become “convinced” in what one believes?
 - c. What does Paul state about the importance of the Scripture in securing our faith? Where does it find its origins? What does it do to shape our lives?
3. How would you compare Hebrews 4:12 with 2 Timothy 3:16?
4. Why are all three “activates,” above, so essential to truly experiencing the Living Word of God? Explain.
5. Pick out one Scripture from the outline above that really spoke to you. Explain why.

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