

# LIVING BY THE BOOK

## Message Notes

### Maturity Through Scripture Application

Sunday, August 17, 2025 | Tommy Duke

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*“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.”*

– Hebrews 4:12

#### Why is the Bible a Living Book?

- The Bible is \_\_\_\_\_.
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#### Memory Verse:

*“But don’t just listen to God’s word. You must do what it says.”* – James 1:22

#### HOW TO MATURE THROUGH SCRIPTURE APPLICATION

- **APPROACH** \_\_\_\_\_ **TO ME.**

*“All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.”* – 2 Timothy 3:16-17

- **ASK** \_\_\_\_\_ **TO ME:**

*“The teaching of your word gives light, so even the simple can understand.”* – Psalm 119:130

- **S** \_\_\_\_\_ **to** \_\_\_\_\_.
- **P** \_\_\_\_\_ **to** \_\_\_\_\_.
- **E** \_\_\_\_\_ **to** \_\_\_\_\_.
- **C** \_\_\_\_\_ **to** \_\_\_\_\_.
- **K** \_\_\_\_\_ **to** \_\_\_\_\_.

*“Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.” – 1 Peter 5:7 (NIV)*

*“Jesus entered Jericho and made his way through the town. There was a man there named Zacchaeus. He was the chief tax collector in the region, and he had become very rich. He tried to get a look at Jesus, but he was too short to see over the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree beside the road, for Jesus was going to pass that way. When Jesus came by, he looked up at Zacchaeus and called him by name. ‘Zacchaeus!’ he said. ‘Quick, come down! I must be a guest in your home today.’ Zacchaeus quickly climbed down and took Jesus to his house in great excitement and joy. But the people were displeased. ‘He has gone to be the guest of a notorious sinner,’ they grumbled. Meanwhile, Zacchaeus stood before the Lord and said, ‘I will give half my wealth to the poor, Lord, and if I have cheated people on their taxes, I will give them back four times as much!’ Jesus responded, ‘Salvation has come to this home today, for this man has shown himself to be a true son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost.’” – Luke 19:1-10*

- **ALWAYS \_\_\_\_\_ TO ME.**

(Jesus) *“But even more blessed are all who hear the word of God and put it into practice.” – Luke 11:28*

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**MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO:**

- ☐ Memorize James 1:22.
- ☐ Use the S.P.E.C.K. method to apply God’s Word to my life.
- ☐ Request the one-year New Testament reading plan.
- ☐ Step up to be a part of our Groves Football Dinner ministry:  
\_\_\_ I’d like to serve. \_\_\_ I’d like to give financially.
- ☐ Sign up to stay updated about GC Students youth activities and events (*be sure to include best contact information on front of card*).

\* Join us next Sunday, August 24, at 11:00am, as we continue our *Living By The Book* teaching series with “Maturity Through Scripture Promises.” Invite someone else to attend with you next week!



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