

Key Scriptures:

John 1:1-18	1 Thessalonians 2:13	Psalm 1:1-3
Mark 4:1-20	Psalm 119:97-98	Luke 11:28
Matthew 7:24-27	2 Timothy 3:16-17	Hebrews 4:12

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As we arrive at the conclusion of our series, we discuss the one powerful weapon we have in the armor God has given us. It is like a sword, but instead of instilling violence, it helps us use God's Word in our work in this world. Today, we discuss some valuable uses of the Sword of the Spirit, which is our precious, Holy Bible.

FIVE WAYS TO USE THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT:

- 1. _____: _____ what it says.
- 2. _____: _____ what it says.
- 3. _____: _____ what it says.
- 4. _____: _____ what it says.
- 5. _____: _____ what it says.



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CHALLENGE:

This Week: Pick a scripture you would like to learn a little more about. Take each of these five uses we discussed, one each day, and spend some intentional time practicing each one: Reading on Monday, rereading and reflecting/meditating on Tuesday, memorizing a verse or two from that passage on Wednesday, praying that scripture on Thursday, and then on Friday, see if there is a way you can put it into practice. Encourage someone with it, or if it is instructing you to serve someone, think of a person you know who can be a recipient of what you learned. Do all of this **with prayer**. Try to do this each week, and see how powerful this sword can be!

Summer: Read Hebrews 11. Study one or two people listed in that chapter each week to see what their story of faith truly entailed.