

Living out of the Word

(Live the Word of God and Be a Doer of the Word)

To live a life following the resurrected Jesus means

We live out of the Word of God (John 1:1-2)

We live the Word of God (Hebrews 4:12).

We are doers of the Word of God (James 1:22).

Living out of the Word – **James 1:2-4**

We are to count it all joy (trust the facts of the case)
with those trials (temptations to sin)
because they test (reveal) our faith
in a way that produces patience
(perseverance and steadfastness)
that grows from our trust in Jesus.

Living out of the Word – **James 1:26**

If anyone thinks he is worshipping God,
but does not bridle
(guide, hold in check, restrain) his tongue (words),
but deceives (cheats) his own heart,
his worship is useless
(without force and has no purpose).

Living out of the Word – **James 2:1-4**

God reveals to us areas in our lives where

our perspective does not line up with His perspective.

His grace not only reveals those areas, but also His grace partnered with the power of repentance ... frees us from those perspectives and aligns us with God's perspective.

We see others with God's IMPARTIALITY

James 1:5-8

⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. ⁶ But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. ⁷ For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; ⁸ *he is* a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

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- Wisdom (Sophia) - “the varied knowledge of things human and divine, acquired by acuteness and experience, and summed up in maxims (guidelines) and proverbs.”

Living out of the Word – James 1:5-8

- Wisdom from God begins with me recognizing I lack wisdom.

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- Liberally – “openly, sincerely”
- Without reproach – without criticism
- God promises that as I ask Him to give me His wisdom ... out of His nature (openly, sincerely, without criticism) He will give me His wisdom.

Living out of the Word – James 1:5-8

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- God gives wisdom out of HIS nature, sincere and without criticism.

let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.

- In faith – pistis “a conviction or belief respecting man’s relationship to God and divine things, generally with the included idea of trust and holy fervor (passion) born of faith and joined with it.”
- Ask God in the context of our relationship with Him, His as our Father, us as our children.

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- Doubting & doubt – diakrino “waiver” to “separate, make a distinction.”
- Do not separate yourself from the truth of who God is, who I am in Him, and how He has revealed Himself to us.

Matthew 7:7-11

Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!

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- Being punished vs. living outside of our relationship with God

Living out of the Word – James 1:5-8

- Wisdom from God begins with me recognizing I lack wisdom.
- God gives wisdom out of HIS nature, sincere and without criticism.
- To ask **in faith, with no doubting** means we can ASK from the CONTEXT of our relationship with God.

James 1:5-8

- James is speaking to the church (to us)
- God gives wisdom to those who ASK
- God gives wisdom out of His NATURE
- God gives wisdom because of His RELATIONSHIP to us and us to Him.
- James 3:13-18 – walking in the wisdom of God gives us