

Living out of the Word

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

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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).

- John 1:1-2, In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.
- Hebrews 4:12, For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.
- James 1:22, But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

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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.

• **James 1:26, “ If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one’s religion *is* useless.”**

- Religious & religion – worshipping God & worship
- Useless – without force, of no purpose
- Deceive – cheat, deceive
- Bridle – to guide, hold in check, restrain

James 3:3-6

³ Indeed, we put bits in horses' mouths that they may obey us, and we turn their whole body. ⁴ Look also at ships: although they are so large and are driven by fierce winds, they are turned by a very small rudder wherever the pilot desires. ⁵ Even so the tongue is a little member and boasts great things. See how great a forest a little fire kindles! ⁶ And the tongue *is* a fire, a world of iniquity.

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“a condition of not being right, whether with God, according to the standard of His holiness and righteousness, or with man, according to the standard of what man knows to be right by his conscience.”

James 3:8-10

⁸ But no man can tame the tongue. *It is* an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹ With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the [\[f\]](#)similitude of God. ¹⁰ Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so.

• **REVEAL - Luke 6:45**, A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

• **CREATE - Proverbs 18:21**, Death and life *are* in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit.

Our tongues, our words, they get in the way of our
worship to God.

Equally true is our tongues, our words, are designed (as
image bearers of God) to partner with our worship to
God.

We are stewarding our words.
(Wise decisions with our words)

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). Our words get in the way of our worship to God. We are to steward our words.

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

We align our words with our worship
of God.

What does it look like to follow the resurrected Jesus?

- We live out of the Word of god ...
- We journey with Jesus as we grow up in Jesus – James 1:22
- We align our words with our worship of God – James 1:26