



Mt. Olive Bible Study

Wednesday, January 24, 2024

TAKING GOD AT HIS WORD

Over The Past 8 Weeks, We Have Studied The Concept of

Taking God At His Word...

Week 1

God's Word Has Supreme Authority

God's Word Brings Order To Chaos

God's Word Gives Access To Increase

God's Word Must Be Obeyed To Access Opportunities

God's Word Gives Principles That Lead To Productivity

Week 2

Trust What God Said vs. Temptation Of What I See

Trusting Your Thoughts vs. Taking God At His Word

Repetition of the Routine vs. Taking God At His Word

Trusting My Skill vs. Taking God At His Word

Relying On The Flesh vs. Taking God At His Word

The Severity of The Situation vs. Taking God At His Word

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Week 3

God's Word Reveals The Outcome

Keep The Outcome In Mind...When Facing Opposition

Don't Allow The Opposition To Make You Miss Opportunity

God Does Not Reveal All The Details Toward Destination

God Develops Us On Our Way To The Destination

God Will Place You In Position To Hear His Word

Then Test You To See If You Will Heed His Word

Week 4

HOW DO I TAKE GOD AT HIS WORD

JUST DO IT!!!

Whatever He Says To You... Just Do It

Increase Is Connected To Obedience To God's Instructions

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***Taking God At His Word...
With Our Money***

Week 5

Perspective

Principles

Practices

Promises

Productivity

Week 6

HOW DOES GOD VIEW MY GIVING

The Some Category vs. The Best Category

God Will Increase Our Faith Before Increasing Finances

God Desires For Your Salutation To Match The Sacrifice

Ignoring God's Instructions Is An Insult To God

Discipline For Mishandling The Devoted Things Of God

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***Taking God At His Word...
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Week 7 ~ Genesis 26

Prayer

Promises

Position

Principles

Problems

Perseverance

Purpose

Week 8 ~ 2 Kings 4

Insight

Inventory

Instructions

Involvement

Increase

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*We Have Had 8 Weeks Of Teaching The Word
Then, 18 Days Of Spiritual Insight That Leads To Increase*

Ownership vs Stewardship

Can God Trust Me With What He Owns

The Principle Of Seed Time And Harvest

God Supplies The Seed To The Sower

God Supplies The Power To Get Wealth

God Supplies All Of Our Needs

God Commands Us To Test Him In The Area Of Tithing

Sowing Sparingly vs. Sowing Generously

Giving Cheerfully

Giving Sacrificially

Giving Willingly

Giving Accordingly

Giving Initially

Giving Expectantly

Where Is Your Treasure

The Connection Between Salvation and Substance

Make A Choice ~ You Cannot Have Two Masters

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Where Do We Go From Here?

*After Receiving All These Principles and All These Promises,
God Is Calling Us To Be Productive...*

There Is An Expectation Of Productivity

It Disappoints God When We Do Not Produce

Matthew 25:26-27 (NLT)

26 "But the master replied, 'You wicked and lazy servant!

27 why didn't you deposit my money in the bank?

At least I could have gotten some interest on it.'

Luke 13:7 (ESV)

7 And he said to the vinedresser, 'Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?'

Matthew 17:17 (NIV)

17 "O unbelieving and perverse generation," Jesus replied, "how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy here to me."

Hebrews 5:12 (NLT)

12 You have been believers so long now that you ought to be teaching others. Instead, you need someone to teach you again the basic things about God's word. You are like babies who need milk and cannot eat solid food.

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The Expectation....

*Why Does God Have Such An Expectation of His Children...
I HAVE GIVEN YOU....*

Deuteronomy 8:18 ~ Power To Get Wealth

Isaiah 40:29 ~ Power To The Weak

John 3:16 ~ Give His Only Son

Acts 1:8 ~ Power Of The Holy Spirit

2 Timothy 1:8 ~ Sound Mind

2 Corinthians 9:10 ~ Seed To Sow and Bread To Eat

Ephesians 1:3 ~ Every Spiritual Blessing

1 Timothy 6:17 ~ All Things To Richly Enjoy

Romans 5:2 ~ Access To God Through Prayer

Romans 6:6 ~ Victory Over Sin

Philippians 4:8 ~ Peace That Surpasses All Understanding

Lamentations 3:22 ~ New Mercies Every Morning

James 4:6 ~ More Grace For Every Good Work

2 Peter 1:4 ~ Precious Promises

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What Is Keeping Us From Being Productive?

Matthew 13:3-8 (NIV)

*3 Then he told them many things in parables, saying:
"A farmer went out to sow his seed.*

*4 As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path,
and the birds came and ate it up.*

*5 Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil.
It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow.*

*6 But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered
because they had no root.*

7 Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants.

*8 Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—
a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.*

*God Has Given Us All **The Insight** And **Instructions** We Need
To Produce A Bountiful Harvest*

He Has Given Us The Access To Abundance

We Now Have The Responsibility To Avoid Distractions and Detours

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Matthew 13:19 (NIV)

19 When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and **does not understand it**, the evil one comes and **snatches away** what was **sown in his heart**. This is the seed sown along the path.

The Way-Side Soil

Those Who Never Allow The Word To **Penetrate The Surface**
The Seed Falls On It... **But Not In It** {At Church But Not In Christ}

You Have Heard All The Teachings But Fail To Allow It To **Get In Your Heart**
This Is **Head Knowledge** Without **Trusting Application**

1 Corinthians 2:14-15 (NLT)

14 But people who **aren't spiritual** can't receive these truths from God's Spirit. **It all sounds foolish to them**, and they **can't understand it**, for only those who are spiritual can understand what the Spirit means.
15 **THOSE WHO ARE SPIRITUAL CAN EVALUATE ALL THINGS...**

The Enemy Takes Your **Attention Away** From The Word Of God
The Enemy Will Make You Think This Is **Prosperity Teaching**

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Has The Word Resonated In Your Heart?

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NKJV)

5 Trust in the Lord **WITH ALL YOUR HEART**,
And lean not on your own understanding..

Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV)

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**.

2 Corinthians 9:6-7 (NKJV)

6 But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly,
and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

7 So let each one give as he **PURPOSES IN HIS HEART**,
not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.

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What Is Keeping Us From Being Productive?

Matthew 13:20-21 (NIV)

20 The one who received the seed that fell on rocky places is the man who hears the word and at once **receives it with joy**. 21 But since he has **no root**, he **lasts only a short time**. When **trouble or persecution comes** because of the word, he **quickly falls away**.

The Stony Soil

Those Who Have No Roots and Very Shallow

A Good Root System is **NECESSARY** for growth and stability

Job 14:7-9 (NLT)

7 "Even a tree has **more hope!** If it is cut down, it will sprout **again** and grow new branches. 8 Though its roots have **grown old** in the earth and its stump decays, 9 at the **scent of water** it will bud and sprout **again** like a new seedling.

Psalms 1:3 (NIV)

3 He is like a tree **planted** by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does **prosper**.

Jeremiah 17:7-8 (NIV)

7 "But blessed is the man who **trusts in the Lord**, whose confidence is in him. 8 He will be like a tree **planted** by the water that sends out its **roots by the stream**. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. **It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.**"

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Those Who Have **Enthusiasm, Excitement** and Very **Emotional** About The Word
Yet, They Possess **More Excitement Than Commitment**

John 2:23-24 (NLT)

23 **Because of the miraculous signs** Jesus did in Jerusalem at the Passover celebration, **many began to trust in him**.

24 **BUT JESUS DIDN'T TRUST THEM**, because he knew human nature.

Be Prepared To Be Tested For Credibility

Matthew 7:24-27 (NLT)

24 "Anyone who **listens to my teaching and FOLLOWS IT** is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. 25 Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won't collapse because it is built on bedrock. 26 But anyone **who hears my teaching and IGNORES IT** is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand. 27 When the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house, it will collapse with a mighty crash."

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Be Prepared To Be Tested For Stability

Proverbs 10:25 (NLT)

*25 **When** the storms of life come, the wicked are whirled away, but the godly have **A LASTING FOUNDATION**.*

Survive The Storms For The Next Generation

Psalms 37:25-26 (NIV)

25 I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread.

*26 They are always generous and lend freely;
THEIR CHILDREN WILL BE BLESSED.*

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What Is Keeping Us From Being Productive?

Matthew 13:22 (NIV)

22 The one who received the seed that fell among the thorns is the man who hears the word, but *the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth* **CHOKES IT, MAKING IT UNFRUITFUL.**

The Thorny Soil

There Is Problem Beneath The Surface ~ Lack of Priority

Heart Has 2 Things That Keep It From Being Productive

- 1) *The Cares Of The World May Become More Important Than Spiritual Matters*
- 2) *Seeking Wealth Can Kill Spiritual Growth and Productivity*

Refuse To Give Up The Pleasures Of This Life ~ Regardless of the Promises of God

You Cannot Serve Two Masters ~ Which One Will Take Priority In Your Life

Mark 10:21-22 (NIV)

21 Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." 22 At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, *because he had great wealth.*

Hebrews 11:24-25 (NIV)

24 By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. 25 **HE CHOSE** to be mistreated along with the people of God **RATHER THAN TO ENJOY THE PLEASURES OF SIN FOR A SHORT TIME.**

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What Is Keeping Us From Being Productive?

Matthew 13:7 (NIV)

7 Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants.

The Thorny Soil

Be Mindful of These Things

The Problems Of Life

Job 14:1 (NIV)

1 "Man born of woman is of few days and full of trouble.

John 16:33 (NIV)

33 "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

The Prosperity Of Life

Psalms 73:2-3 (ESV)

2 But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled, my steps had nearly slipped.

3 For I was envious of the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

The Pleasures of Life

1 John 2:16-17 (ESV)

16 For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride in possessions—is not from the Father but is from the world.

17 And the world is passing away along with its desires...

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What Is Keeping Us From Being Productive?

God's Desire Is For Us To Be Productive

Matthew 13:23 (NIV)

*23 But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who **hears the word** and **understands it**.*

*He produces a crop, yielding **a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.**"*

Do You Really Understand

The Promises Of God...

The Process To Prospering

The Persecution That Is Involved

The Patience That Is Needed

Mark 10:28-30

*28 Peter said to Jesus, "**We have left everything to follow you!**"*

29 "I tell you the truth," Jesus replied, "no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel

*30 will fail to receive **a hundred times as much in this present age (homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields--and **with them, persecutions**)***

AND IN THE AGE TO COME, ETERNAL LIFE.

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What Is Keeping Us From Being Productive?

*Now That We Have The Principles
It Is Time To Produce!!!*

Be Prayerful

Be Patient

Be Productive

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\$100 Pledge

\$10 Weekly

\$500 Pledge

\$50 Weekly

\$200 Pledge

\$20 Weekly

\$1000 Pledge

\$100 Weekly

\$250 Pledge

\$25 Weekly

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2 Corinthians 8:3 ~They gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own...