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The Benefits of Bible Study

I. The Power of God in His Word

A. God's Word has _____ in your life, and it also has practical uses for you to _____!

16 All Scripture is breathed out (by God) and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, **17** that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

—2 Timothy 3:16-17

B. It is the _____ by which God has judged and will judge the world

1. See Revelation 19:11-16

a) This may challenge some of our theology; Jesus doesn't need us to fight beside Him. He can lay waste simply by the Word of His mouth.

C. It is also how we can come to _____ Him and have knowledge of God

1. See Hosea 6:5-6; John 1:1-3; 14

a) All of these things are attributed to the Word of God

b) This is how it functions in creation, welding the authority of God

c) Its uses are designed to help and aid the people of God in their mission: to know Him and make Him known!

II. The Word and Its Effectiveness in the Heart

A. The Word of God lives and is active, not dead and _____

B. There is a reason...

1. It is the bestselling (and most stolen) book in all of history

2. It reaches across cultures, millennia, gender, and social status

3. Since it is *breathed out* by a living God, not penned by a dead stoic, it still has power today!

12 For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. **13** And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

—Hebrews 4:12-13

- C. The Word of God was also the cause of our faith and the prompting of salvation, and invited the Holy Spirit into our hearts to seal us
 - 1. See Ephesians 1:13-14
- D. The ministry of the Word of God is essential to us. It breaks us apart, shows our true intentions, gives us life anew, and reminds us of our hope and our salvation
 - 1. It meets you where you are and takes you to where God wants you to go!

III. Daily Devotions and Their Significance

We now move from the theoretical and theological nature of the Word of God into the practical, everyday applications it has for you in your specific context and place in your walk with Him.

- A. The daily _____ to be reminded of the Truth of God
 - 1. See Deuteronomy 6:6-9
 - a) This is not a call to be legalistic, but a plea to make God's Word a _____ in your life, the _____ of your home, and the _____ of your family
- B. There is something that happens to the man who makes this a reality in his life: the blessing of God as the man's life takes on a new course
 - 1. See Psalm 1
- C. Wisdom of God, sought after like *treasure*, will only give you an increased desire and pleasure in Him
 - 1. See Proverbs 1:7; 2:3-5; 9:10; 15:33
 - a) He is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in Him!—John Piper
- D. A life immersed in the gospel and the Word of God will cause you to “stink” to non-believers, and be a sweet aroma to those being saved
 - 1. It is not for sordid gain or to sell someone something
 - a) See 2 Corinthians 2:14-17

IV. Practical Exercise in Hermeneutics

- A. Some terms to know

Hermeneutics—The art and science of studying the Bible

Exegesis—Drawing out of the text the original intent and application of the author according to the context

Eisegesis—ignoring the context and using a verse of scripture with an unfounded meaning to fit a particular narrative

Imperative—command statement

Interrogative—question to be asked of the text

**Let's look at the sheet with 1 John 1 printed and do an exercise together

V. Tips For Daily Devotions

A. SOAP Method [separate handout]

B. Some considerations

1. Start where you are
 - a) There is no _____; only devotion, fervor, hunger, thirst for His Word, and righteousness. It grows over time as you further experience Him.
2. Pick a time, pick a place, and stick to it!
 - a) It needs to be tangible, and it needs to be _____ to see longevity and success in your life
3. You don't need a degree, fancy equipment, or knowledge of the original languages
 - a) Here's what you need
 - (1) An ESV bible
 - (2) A pen or highlighter
 - (3) Notecards
 - (4) To seriously consider #1 and #2
4. Bathe the time in _____, and be joyfully _____ that God will show you something about Himself in light of what you have asked and prayed for Him to reveal to you
 - a) The Lord's Prayer in **Matthew 6:9-13** is a great template for prayer. Consider every line and speak sincerely to God from the heart

"Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.

God, you are holy, holy, holy, and you are so high above me and my circumstances. Thank you for being the God above all things.

10

Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Lord, in my life show me how to build your kingdom. Make my marriage glorifying to you, my ministry, my family, and let my thoughts and actions reflect this as well.

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Give us this day our daily bread,
God, give me in Your Word today what I need. I want to see you, I want to know you more.

12

and forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

God, please help me to forgive _____. Forgive me also for my _____.

13

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

Lord, keep Satan away from my family and my ministry today. He has no power here. Free me from the temptation of _____.