

The Importance of God's Word

Ephesians 6:12-18 NIV

¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

I. Introduction

- a. The goal of this lesson is to help us understand 2 things:
 - i. The meaning of the full armor of God
 - ii. The importance of God's word

Ephesians 6:17

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II. The Importance of God's Word Gives Us:

- Strength
- Direction
- Power
- Clarity
- Peace
- Our source

Hebrews 4:12a

For the word of God is alive and active...

III. God's Word Is Alive.

- a. It means that God will give us revelation knowledge when we read the word.
 - i. Simply stated, revelation knowledge is an understanding revealed by the Holy Spirit.

- b. God speaks to us from his word. He reveals it in our hearts.
- c. The word of God should be:
 - Studied
 - Meditated
 - Memorized
 - Quoted
 - Heard
 - Spoken About
 - Responded To
 - Pursued
 - Considered
 - Sought After
 - Investigated
 - Cherished
 - And More

IV. 3 Words for Today's Message:

1. How do we value God's word?
 - a. *Value* – estimated worth
 - a. If we want what we have to remain healthy, then we have to value it. We start off valuing but then allow our value to diminish.

Mathew 4:1-4

¹Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." ⁴Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

- b. Resources to assist with valuing the word:
 - Blue Letter Bible (application)
 - You Version (application)
 - Openbible.info (website)
2. How do we posture ourselves under Gods word?
 - a. *Posture* – An official stand or position

Proverbs 4:20-22

²⁰ My son, pay attention to what I say;
turn your ear to my words.

²¹ Do not let them out of your sight,
keep them within your heart;

²² for they are life to those who find them
and health to one's whole body.

3. How do we approach Gods word?
 - a. *Approach* – How we come closer to something

Psalms 119:18

Open my eyes that I may see
wonderful things in your law.