

# Life Verses

Hebrews 4:12

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# The Living Word

Purpose of this Series: *To See the Living Word, Live in You*

“I have hidden your word in my heart,

that I might not sin against you.” - Psalm 119:11 NLT

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,…” - Colossians 3:16a ESV

# A Life Verse Is Not

- Something God commands us to have
- A verse or passage to trump all others
- Chosen once and for all time – seasons change

# A Life Verse IS

- A verse or passage that profoundly resonates, teaches, and directs you!
- Often comes to you through a particular life season, struggle, or experience – it “finds you”

# Hebrews 4:12 NIV

“For the word of God is alive and active.  
Sharper than any double-edged sword,  
it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow;  
it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.”

# Alive and Active

“For the word of God is alive and active.” - Heb. 4:12a

- “So shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.” - Isaiah 55:11 ESV

# Alive and Active

- “All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,” - 2 Tim. 3:16  
ESV
- God’s Word is **ALIVE** and therefore does an **ACTIVE** work in every area and in every season of our lives, if we will allow it.

# Piercing

“Sharper than any double-edged sword,  
it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow;”

- Heb. 4:12b

- God's truth pierces us at the deepest levels



# Exposing

“It judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart” - Heb. 4:12c

- "The Word of God gets at the very marrow of our manhood; it lays bare the secret thoughts of the soul...Have you not often, in hearing the Word, wondered how the preacher could so unveil that which you had concealed?...Yes, that is one of the marks of the Word of God, that it lays bare a man's inmost secrets; indeed, it discovers to him that which he had not even himself perceived." - Charles Spurgeon

# Prioritizing The Word

## **1. Read it Regularly**

So many ways to “take in God’s Word, but prioritize more than a “quick devotional”

YouVersion Bible App and reading plans, Streetlights, Read Scripture App, or...wait for it... an actual Bible!

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## **2. Memorize It**

- Why? To carry the life-shaping words of God in me at all times and in all places!
- “For millennia, committing things to memory served as the foundation for religious, political and educational instruction. Memorized matter was known to have staying power. ... Scripture memory gives the mind somewhere to go when all the media is turned off. Furthermore, memorizing God’s Word allows us to access divinely inspired thought and wisdom. And it works in us even when we are not conscious of its doing so.” - Adele Calhoun

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## **3. Discuss and Share It**

1. What did we learn about God this week?
2. What did we learn about people? Or ourselves?
3. From the Bible passage, or message, what did you hear the Lord specifically say to you?
4. In light of what you learned, what is God calling you to DO this week as a result?