



## Developing A Strong Spirit, Pt 3: Poetry In Motion

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### Key Scriptures:

#### **James 1:22 (TPT)**

“Don’t just listen to the Word of Truth and not respond to it, for that is the essence of self-deception. So always **let his Word become like poetry written and fulfilled by your life!**”

### Be A Performer of the Word

Doers of the Word are like poets, who through words and actions give full expression in their lives to the grace of God, and to the goodness of God. If you want to develop a strong spirit and a more robust faith you must feed on the Word of God and exercise your faith in that area.

### The Lord Can Make Poetry In Your Life

#### **1. Strength is found in doing the Word.**

- a. Spiritual training benefits every area of life (1 Timothy 4:7-8).
  - i. You must exercise your faith.
- b. Listening to the Word without doing it is deceiving to yourself (James 1:22).
  - i. When you act on the Word it is like poetry in motion.
  - ii. Grace, the empowerment of God, is given when you act on the Word.
- c. You are an epistle, read by others when they see your actions (2 Corinthians 3:2).

#### **2. Keep going even when you do not feel like it.**

- a. You are responsible to walk in the light you receive.
  - i. When God shows you something, highly value it.
- b. The entrance of God’s Word gives light (Psalm 119:130).
  - i. “Entrance” is not just by hearing but by seeing God’s Word.
- c. Meditate on the Word so you can be careful to do it (Joshua 1:8).
  - i. Acting on the Word makes your way prosperous.
- d. Even when you do not feel like it, speak the truth of the Word of God.

#### **3. Faith is motion activated.**

- a. Faith without works is dead (James 2:17).
  - i. Active faith is poetry in motion.
- b. Build a strong spirit and robust faith by feeding on God’s Word and exercising your faith in that specific area.
  - i. Healing: read and stand on healing scriptures.
  - ii. Favor: read and stand on scriptures for favor (Psalm 5:12).
- c. Release your faith:
  - i. Through rejoicing
    1. This demonstrates your trust in God.
  - ii. Through speaking God’s Word
    1. This solidifies your agreement with God.
- d. The woman with a bleeding issue heard, said, and acted (Mark 5:25-34).

## Supportive Scriptures

- **1 Timothy 4:7-8** (Training in godliness benefits every area of life.)
- **James 1:22** (Be a performer of the Word.)
- **2 Corinthians 3:2** (You are an epistle, read by others.)
- **Ephesians 2:10** (We are God's workmanship.)
- **James 1:22** (Be a doer of the Word.)
- **Joshua 1:8** (Meditate on the Word so you can be careful to do it.)
- **James 2:17** (Faith without works is dead.)
- **Psalms 5:12** (God surrounds you with favor like a shield.)
- **Psalms 119:162** (David rejoiced in God's Word like someone who finds treasure.)
- **1 Peter 1:8** (Through Jesus you have inexpressible joy.)
- **2 Corinthians 4:13** (When you believe you speak.)
- **Mark 5:25-34** (The testimony of the woman with the issue of blood.)