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# The Word of God is the Principal Thing

Notes from Dennis Leonard sermon

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Practicing the Word will make you proficient in victory (Gloria Copeland)

The reason God blesses us with all spiritual blessings is everything God does starts in the spiritual and then it overflows into the natural. God blesses us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ (Ephesians 1:1) We're blessed with Abraham the believer? (Galatians 3:9) We're blessed with the promise of Abraham (Galatians 3:13) and we're blessed with the inheritance of Abraham (Galatians 3:29) because we belong to Christ. As such, we can conclusively say, we are blessed!

And whatever God blesses, he increases! God blesses, and God increases whatever he blesses! I am blessed because I have a covenant with God! I'm blessed with Abraham because I believe! I'm blessed with all spiritual blessings which start in the spirit and overflow into the natural. And therefore increase is coming to me.

Wisdom is the main ingredient or the root to all success.

The wisdom of God is the Word of God.

It's what God says to you.

Wisdom is His leading, his guidance, His instruction.

Wisdom is the light to knowledge.

Wisdom will help you to know what to do with knowledge.

Take Proverbs 4:5-13 and substitute the "Word of God" in place of "wisdom" - because wisdom is the Word of God...

"Get the Word of God, get understanding, do not forget the Word of God or swerve from the Word of God. Do not forsake the Word of God and the Word of God will protect you; love the Word of God, and the Word of God will watch over you. The Word of God is supreme, (the principal thing) therefore get the Word of God. Though it cost all you have, get understanding. Esteem the Word of God and the Word of God will exalt you, embrace the Word of God and the Word of God will honor you. Listen, my son, accept what I say, and the years of your life will be many. I guide you in the way of the Word of God and lead you along straight paths. When you walk, your steps will not be hampered. When you run, you will not stumble. Hold on to the Word of God, do not let the Word of God go, guard the Word of God well, for the Word of God is your life."

"The Word of almighty God rules this planet. The Word of God shall come to pass. Bible prophecy is going to come true. If you come into alignment with the Word of God, you will have victory in your life. The problem we have is we try to get the Word of God to come into alignment with our lives and it does not work that way. If you do not come into alignment with the Word, you will not be victorious as a believer in Jesus Christ. You must get to the point that you are determined to live by the Word of God. God said that His Word is exalted and magnified even above His name. The name of Jesus is the name above every name but He tells us that His Word is even magnified above that name. The problems come when we are trying to get our theology to come true rather than coming into alignment with what the Word says. We must get to a point in our lives where we get into alignment with "thus saith the Lord". We know that Jesus Christ is the Word of God that became flesh and dwelt among us. (John 1:1) We know that Jesus is the Word of God.

As a believer in Jesus Christ, you'll never have complete victory in your life until you come into alignment with the

Word of God. Denominations are not your answer.....coming into alignment with the Word of God is your answer. Philosophy will bring you some truth but it won't bring you all truth. The Word of God will bring you all truth. Psychology will bring you some truth but it won't bring you all and complete truth. The Word of God is the truth that will set you free.

If you need a miracle in your life, you must show God that you believe his Word. It's the Word that you know that will bring you victory. The Word of God is a lamp unto my feet. Are you living in agreement with the Word of God or not?

Hosea said my people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge. The truth of the matter is this – God will not and cannot bless an ignorant people. Ignorance doesn't mean you're stupid. Ignorance means you don't have enough knowledge of the Word of God in that area. This is why He said to "study to show thyself approved, as a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, that knows how to accurately divide the Word of truth." If you don't know how to accurately divide the Word of Truth, that ignorance will leave you defeated in your life.

Regardless of your situation, you have to find out what the Word of God says about your circumstances. Ignorance leads to defeat. You can mean well, you can have a pure and perfect heart and miss God's will for your life. Even if you are a nice person, if you don't know what the Word of God says, you will not be victorious. You can even die with a good heart.

If you are defeated in any area of your life, I don't think you need more faith. I think what you need is more truth and more light on that particular subject.

God's Word is going to rule this planet whether you think it does or not.

Your circumstances will always tell you to go against the Word. Your circumstances will always be contradictory to the Word. And then you have a spiritual enemy that is always trying to lead you away from the Word. The devil will always use a little bit of the word when he is talking to you. He always uses just a little bit of the Word just so you might think that it is actually God talking to you. Then he perverts it and twists it just enough to destroy you with it.

The Bible is not just a book. It is not the product of just a man or several men. It is the revelation of God to mankind. 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 3:16 says "all scripture is inspired by God." Theologians and scholars are always trying to disprove the Word of God. Your spiritual enemy is always trying to get you to think that the Word doesn't work so you will put the Word down.

Your spiritual enemy hates the Word of God. As long as you have the Word of God in your heart, you will never be defeated. It's when you put the Word down that defeat knocks at your door. You will be tested but the Word of God will eventually lead you to victory. The key word is EVENTUALLY you will be led to victory.

The reason you don't have victory in any area is you have a scattergun and you're just throwing a bunch of stuff up in the air just hoping that something will stick. You need to saturate yourself in the Word of God and find out what the Word says about your situation if you expect to have victory in that area.

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