

Hebrews 4:12, Bible Devotions

☐ Monday - The Word of God.

The Bible is not the word of man, but the word of God! And it is not one of many, or even the best of just a few; no rather, the Bible is the *only* inspired (2 Tim. 3:16), and inerrant (Psa. 119:160) word of God to man, and it is eternally and universally relevant (Matt. 24:35). It speaks to every person, in every culture, in every country, throughout every age, addressing them where they are and telling them exactly what they need to hear. There is no book more relevant for your life than the Bible! When you read the Bible, it is God speaking from the pages of Scripture specifically to you, your particular circumstances and your personal struggles. So when you receive the word of God, you are in a sense receiving God. But let the reader beware, because the opposite is also true: to reject the Word of God, is to reject God Himself! Read 1 Thessalonians 2:13

☐ Tuesday - God's Word is Living and Active.

Our text today says that “the word of God is *living* and *active*” (Heb. 4:12). Jesus said, “The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are *life*” (John. 6:63). In Scripture, the word of God is compared to a seed. Peter writes, “You have been born again not of *seed* which is perishable but imperishable, the *living* and enduring *word of God*” (1 Pet. 1:23). Seeds are alive and when planted in good soil can bear much fruit. So then, what kind of soil is your heart? Read Matthew 13:3-9

☐ Wednesday - A Sharp Two-Edged Sword.

The Word of God is called a “two-edged sword” (Heb. 4:12). It cuts both ways. It can comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable. It tears down and it builds up. It wounds and it heals. It convicts and converts. It has both bad news and good news. It softens the heart that receives it, and it hardens the heart that ignores it. It draws believers to Christ, and repels enemies of the cross. It is for defense and offense, to defend the Christian faith, and to conquer strongholds of sin and unbelief. Let the reader pause and meditate. Which of these is God's word doing in your life? Read Psalm 19:14

☐ Thursday - Take Some Fencing Lessons.

Dear Christian friends, we need not pray for the effectiveness of God's word; it is “sharper than any two-edged sword”. But what good is such a sword if it is never drawn? And if it is drawn, how effective can it be in the hands of one who knows not how to use it? Yes, the word of God is a formidable spiritual weapon, but it takes a skilled swordsman to wield it. So then, do not pray for the effectiveness of God's word. Pray instead for your own effectiveness to handle the word of God. To this you were called: To “study to show yourselves approved ... accurately handling the word of truth” (2 Tim. 2:15). Read Ephesians 6:10-17

☐ Friday - Able to Judge the Heart.

“For the *word* of God is living and active and *sharper* than any two-edged sword, and *piercing* as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the *heart*.” To open the word of God is to prepare for heart surgery. And to read it properly you must allow God's word to cut deep into your soul. Let the great Physician use the sharp scalpel of His word to remove every impure thought, intention and cancerous belief from your heart. Let His word wound your foolish pride and excise every malignant desire, for there you will find your greatest relief from your sin and progress in the your Christian growth. Read 2 Timothy 3:16