

*HOW TO HAVE  
GOD'S WORD  
WORK FOR YOU*

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# *DEDICATION*

*To Jesus the author and finisher of  
our faith.*

# *INTRODUCTION*

Life is full of unexpected twists and turns, and it's inevitable that we'll face challenges and obstacles along the way. But as believers, we have a powerful tool at our disposal: the Word of God. The Bible is a rich source of wisdom, guidance, and principles that can help us navigate life's complexities. At the same time, it's a living, active, and powerful force

that can transform our lives from the inside out.

However, many believers struggle to experience the full power of God's Word in their lives. They may read the Bible, attend church, and even quote Scripture, but still find themselves facing the same challenges and struggles. They may wonder why the Word seems to be working for others, who share testimonies of healing, deliverance, and breakthrough, but not for them.

The truth is, there's a way to unlock the power of God's Word and have it work effectively in one's life. It's not just about reading the Bible or knowing its principles; it's about understanding how to apply its power and principles in a way that brings transformation and victory. In "How to Have God's Word Work for You," you will explore the keys to unleashing the dynamic power of the Word in your life. You will discover practical ways to apply

biblical principles, tap into the transformative power of God's Word, and experience the breakthroughs and victories that come from living a life propelled by the Word.

The Word of God is described in Hebrews 4:12 as "alive and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart." As you learn to apply its

principles and tap into its power, you'll find that God's Word can calm storms and bring hope to hopeless situations. By the end of this book, you'll have a deeper understanding of how to harness the power of God's Word and to apply its principles to overcome challenges and obstacles, and to live victoriously in the face of adversity.

# 1

## *God Gave us His Word*

God gave himself to us when he gave us his word in a written form called the Bible. He gave us his will and his mind through his word. And whatever God's will is, is what should be done in the heaven,

earth, and beneath the earth -- in all of creation. That is why Jesus quoted the Word against the devil in the wilderness of temptation and the devil could not resist it. That is the same word given to us in the form of the Bible. Jesus said in John 17:14,

**I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. John 17:14**

The Bible says in Jeremiah 15:16,

**Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts.**

**Jeremiah 15:16**

It is the word you find, embrace into your life and make the most of that will bring about joy and rejoicing in your life. The word is at your disposal for your benefits as God's beloved child. God gives you his word as his precious gift to you.

# 2

## *10 Things the Word Does*

Below are a list of ten things the word does,

### *1. The word makes born-again*

**For you have been born again,  
not of perishable seed, but of  
imperishable, through the living  
and enduring word of God.**

**1Peter 1:23 (NIV)**

He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created. James 1:18 (NIV)

## *2. The word changes a man's story*

The Lord sent a word into Jacob, and it hath lighted upon Israel. Isaiah 9:8

He sent a man before them, even Joseph, who was sold for a servant: Whose feet they hurt with fetters: he was laid in iron: Until the time that his word

came: the word of the LORD tried him. The king sent and loosed him; even the ruler of the people, and let him go free. He made him lord of his house, and ruler of all his substance: Psalms 105:17-21

### *3. The Word gives faith*

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Romans 10:17

### *4. The word gives knowledge of God*

My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my

**commandments with  
thee;...Then shalt thou  
understand the fear of the  
LORD, and find the knowledge of  
God. Proverbs 2:1-5**

*5. The word provides spiritual growth*

**As newborn babes, desire the  
sincere milk of the word, that ye  
may grow thereby: 1 Peter 2:2**

*6. The word heals*

**Their soul abhorreth all manner  
of meat; and they draw near  
unto the gates of death. Then**

**they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, and he saveth them out of their distresses. He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions. Psalms 107:18-20**

**My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh. Proverbs 4:20-22**

*7. The word gives victory over sin*

**Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee. Psalms 119:11**

*8. The word gives victory over the forces of darkness*

**For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds. 2 Corinthians 10:4**

**And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the**

**Spirit, which is the word of God:  
Ephesians 6:17**

**Is not my word like as a fire?  
saith the LORD; and like a  
hammer that breaketh the rock  
adevour them. Jeremiah 5:14**

*9. The word is the truth that sets  
free from all evil and satanic  
bondages*

**Sanctify them through thy truth:  
thy word is truth. John 17:17**

**A nd ye shall know the truth,  
and the truth shall make you  
free. John 8:32**

## *10. The word delivers*

**He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions. Psalms 107:20**

**The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to *preach the gospel* to the poor; he hath sent me...to *preach deliverance to the captives*... Luke 4:18**

These and many more are the wonders of the word, but the word can only work for you when you know how to have it work for you.

# 3

## *How to Have the Word Work for You*

### **1. GO FOR THE WORD**

There must be a desire for the word if you want it to work for you. Lackadaisical approach to the word can't draw anything from it. You must have value for the word

if you want it to work for you. You must recognize that the word is of great value to God and should not be treated like words of man or to be compared to words of man. This sense of value and desire for the word is the first point to start from.

**For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the**

**word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.**

**1 Thessalonians 2:13**

When you treasure the word and go for it with the mind that your solutions and answers are in it, your heart will be set to receive what it offers. Go for the Bible as well as anointed teachings from proven teachers or writers who command proofs of the dividends of Scriptures. They are good interpreters to help you see what God is saying in the word. Desire

and go for what the Bible has to say. That is the starting point for the word to work for you.

## ***2. KNOW YOUR HERITAGE IN GOD***

God said, "my people are destroyed because of lack of knowledge (Hosea 4:6)". "They know not, neither would they understand so they walked on in darkness" (Psalm 82:5). The Bible should show you who you are in Christ and what you have for inheritance in Christ. For instance, long life, divine health,

prosperity, eternal life, redemption, mansion in heaven are all yours. Unless you find this out from scriptures and get to believe it personally, you will just be far from enjoying it. John the Apostle said: "These things have I written unto you that you may know that you have eternal life (1Jn 5:13)". The word of God is written for you to know what you have as someone in Christ. It is when you know them that the word offers them. The word offers

principles, knowledge, power, deliverance, wisdom, protection, peace, health, and lots more. In a nut shell, all you will ever need are wrapped up in the word. However, it depends upon as much as you know.

Many today have fallen short of the benefits of the word because they have listened to *friends* of the Bible who know not what the word offers. These friends of the Bible have interpreted the Bible like a mere history book, research

work, or any other academic work. They see the Bible as a mere book of principles, legends, good ideas and thoughts not better than the works of the philosophers and religious minds. Many Christians don't know what the Bible offers. They go looking elsewhere for what God through his word has already offered them.

If you do not know what things are offered you in the Word, you can't enjoy them. What you don't know, you are shut out from, so

open your heart and ask God for discoveries as you attend to the word. Hear what the Psalmist says in Psalm 119:18:

**Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law. Psalms 119:18**

1Corinthians 2:12 says,

**Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. 1 Corinthians 2:12**

To know what are freely given to you of God, you must keep searching the word with the lamp of the Holy Spirit, asking him for revelation and understanding.

### **3. *BELIEVE THE WORD***

With God, believing makes you a beneficiary. Luke 1:45 says,

**And blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord. Luke 1:45**

It is the word you believe that God will perform, not the one you

merely know or talk about. God wants his report to be believed (Isa 53:1). God's provisions in his word (the Bible) are what he has done and made available for you in Christ. He needs you to believe His report that he has done it for you, and needs you to believe that you receive them. For example, God says in Isaiah 53:5 that Christ was wounded for your transgression to the end that by his stripes you are healed, but the prophet began by first saying in verse 1, *who has*

*believed our reports and to whom  
is the arm of the lord revealed?*

What the mighty arm of the Lord has done is only made known by revelation; that is, the report of the Bible. And it is he who believes the reports of the Bible that the arm will be revealed to. The Bible is the report of what the arm of the Lord has done in thought of us. But believing is the next requirement. When we believe what God has done for us, we become registered

candidates for the blessings. Luke 1:45 says,

**And blessed is she that believed.... So it is only those that believe that get the blessing.**

The Bible is very clear on the subject of the power of God's word. Hebrews 1:3 calls it the word of his power. Ecclesiastic 8:4 calls it the word of a king. Hebrews 4:12 says it is alive and powerful. And Isaiah 55:11 says it doesn't return void but must

accomplish what it talks about. However, it takes your believing for you to see its power in action. God's rescue power only goes in the direction of those that believe. Jesus said to Martha at the grave of his brother, Lazarus, before he raised him back to life:

**...Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?**  
**John 11:42**

#### **4. *GET GOOD UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORD***

Understanding the word is like digesting food. That is only when the food can deliver its nutrients to you. The Bible says that with all your gettings get understanding (Prov 4:7). Invest your time in sound teachings, Bible studies and prayers asking the Holy Spirit to give you understanding. Get relevant materials like Bible dictionary and Bible concordance to improve your understanding of

the word. Let me show you 5 things understanding the word will do for you.

**1. It delivers the inherent power of the word to you.** The word of God is the power of God unto salvation to them that believe, but until you understand it, it can't deliver its saving power and save you. The Eunuch was reading the Scripture but didn't understand it and couldn't get saved until Philip came to make him understand it.

**And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest? And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him. Acts 8:30-31**

**2. It delivers the power of the word in you.** The Bible reveals the word of God to be the power of God. When you have understanding of it, its power

works in you and bear fruits. It becomes the power of God working in you to both to will and to do God's good pleasure, and to bring to pass in your life all you can think and ask in line with the word.

**Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,**  
**Ephesians 3:20**

However, this power functions in people differently according to their levels of understanding.

**But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.**

**Matthew 13:23**

**3. Stay full of God and not full of sin, and the world.** When the Bible talks of being full of God in

Ephesians 3:19, it began by talking in verse 18 of our being able to comprehend, that is, understand.

**May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.**

**Ephesians 3:18-19**

**4. Good Understanding secures the word from being stolen from you.** That is when the word cannot

be stolen from you to cause you to lose it, and not bear the expected fruits eg holiness, faith, health and love.

**When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side. Matthew 13:19**

**5. Good Understanding helps You make the most of the word.**

It is when you have deep understanding of the word that you can make the most of it in a given subject matter. There are those who believe in divine healing but because they don't deeply understand it, the devil presses hard and defeat them. The more you understand a thing, the more it works for you in it's full capacity and diverse ramifications.

## **5. *RECEIVE THE WORD***

Receive the word as something talking to you and binding on you. Herein is the pitfall of many. They believe the word but don't receive it. The Bible says in John 1:12

**But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God.... John 1:12**

Power is only given to them that receive. When you believe the word, you are a registered for the power; when you receive it, the power flow to you. The power of the word will work for you when

you receive the word as talking to you.

## ***6. ATTEND TO THE WORD***

**My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh. Proverbs 4:20-22**

Attend to the word means give the word your time and attention.

Make commitment to the word a part of your life. It must be attended to to the end that it leads to continuous spiritual growth, transformation, and a deeper relationship with God. You must make relevant adjustment of your life to follow submissively to the dictates of the word. This brings you to a life by the word, which will ultimately determine what your experiences will be through life. For the word is designed to make you live the God-ordained

life. That's why our Lord said in Luke 4:4 thus, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.

## **7. *MEDITATE ON THE WORD:***

Meditating on the word is a way of assimilating the word by chewing and digestion, as it were. Meditation involves reflecting on the scriptures, pondering their meaning, and allowing them to speak to your heart and mind. You have to meditate on the word. It is

when you meditate on the word that,

1. It principles take control of your spirit forming the underlying principles running in the background of your soul, thereby controlling and ruling you in the path of success and prosperity from within. Meditation helps the word takes hold of your spirit and lead your life.

**Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy**

**profiting may appear to all. 1**

**Timothy 4:15**

2. Your spirit, soul and body open up to and maximize the full operational contents of the word, viz: the power (Heb 1:3), the Spirit and the life.

**It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.**

**John 6:63**

3. The word subdues every negative thought ( negative

thoughts are Satan's weapons of delusion, bondage, oppression, manipulations, lies and deception). Negative thoughts are Satan's inroad and stronghold.

**For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Hebrews 4:12**

(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; 2 Corinthians 10:4-5

## **8. SEE FROM THE WORD:**

Seeing from the word involves seeing things the way God sees

them through his word. You see from God's perspective by choosing to see things the way the word says them. Seeing things only from the word's stand point is the beginning of strong faith. It is at that point that God hastens his word to perform it. It is the eyes that see only from God's point of view that produces the hands that performs miracles.

**Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Jeremiah, what seest thou? And I said, I see**

**a rod of an almond tree. Then said the LORD unto me, Thou hast well seen: for I will hasten my word to perform it. Jeremiah 1:11-12**

**Proverbs 4:20 says, My son, attend to my words...Let them not depart from thine eyes.**

When you see what God is showing through his word, you are:

1. Transformed to conform to the picture of Christ revealed in the word. For instance, Christ is holy,

you cannot be sinful. Christ is in dominion over all, you can't be a victim. Christ can't be sick, you live sickness free. Christ is full of faith, you go in that direction. The truth is, what you keep seeing transforms you.

**But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.**

**2 Corinthians 3:18**

2. You take possession of what the word offers. If you can see your freedom from sicknesses and diseases in the word, for example, you take possession of your sickness-free living. God's miraculous well of water was there with Hagar all the while her baby was dying of thirst. She could not take of it because she could not see it. Until she saw it, her tears never ceased!

**And God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water; and she**

**went, and filled the bottle with water, and gave the lad drink.**

**Genesis 21:19**

Therefore you need to keep asking God to open your eyes and show you more wonderous things from his word (Ps 119:18) that you may know what is freely yours in God (1Cor 2:12), for it is to the extent your eyes can see that you can take of your inheritance in God.

**And the LORD said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine**

**eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward: For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever. Genesis 13:14-15**

Seeing is your first rung on the ladder of empowerment to possessing your possession. God says to the Israelites in Deuteronomy 2:24:

**...See, I have given into your hand Sihon the Amorite, king of**

**Heshbon, and his country. Begin to take possession of it and engage him in battle. Deut.2.24 (NIV)**

## **9. *SPEAK THE WORD:***

The power of words is that they are spoken, believed or acted upon. So also is the word of God. Whether God speaks it forth or you speak it makes no difference -- God is behind his word. You don't try the word out, you trust its operations to see its power. The

rule is, believe it and speak it. It is written in scripture: I believe therefore have I spoken (2Corinthians 4:13). When you speak the word believing it, you unleash its power to go forth and work for you. The word of God is not only to end in your heart, it must flow from your mouth. The final bus stop of the word is your mouth. Consider Romans 10:8-10:

**But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the**

**word of faith, which we preach; That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. Romans 10:8-10**

It is when the word flows up to the mouth that it culminate in salvation. Some just bury the word in their heart there and are afraid

to speak it to their circumstances. The mouth has its role to play for the word to deliver maximally in your life. God himself commands that the word should be in your mouth.

**This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth....**

**Joshua 1:8**

**Wherfore thus saith the LORD God of hosts...I will make my words in thy mouth fire, and this people wood, and it shall devour them. Jeremiah 5:14**

It is God's word you speak forth that will go as devouring fire against oppositions. It's God's devouring fire against Satan, the devouring lion (1Peter 5:8). It is God's word, his promises and what he has done, that you confess that is called the word of your testimony by which Satan is overcome.

**And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony....**

**Revelation 12:11**

The power of the prophets in the Bible was that they were to speak forth God's word. They of themselves added nothing to its effectiveness. All they did was to echoed what God said concerning a situation, and the word delivers the miracle by its power. God is absolutely constant about his word regarding any situation. He brings to pass what his word says regarding any situation.

**So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall**

not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

**Isaiah 55:11**

The word of God you speak will effect the miracle you seek.

#### ***10. KEEP THE WORD IN YOUR HEART***

The word you keep in your heart will preserve you. In Proverbs 4:23, the Bible word says,

Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life. And because out of the heart are

the issues of life, God's instruction is keep my word in the midst of your heart.( Prov 4:21). The word you keep in your heart is what will keep you from sin.

**Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee. Psalms 119:11**

It is the word you keep in your heart that guides you in the path of success and safety through life. When the word of God is kept in your heart long enough, it bears fruits of joy, love, peace, wisdom,

hope, faith, courage, wisdom and direction.

Keep it in your heart is another way of saying, don't let the devil steal it away from you. Don't forget it. Let it rule your heart, form your mentality, become your personal principles and hence rule your life. Keep refreshing your memory with those sermons that changed your life -- don't let the word leave you. Satan is out to steal the word from you; you don't have to let him.

**And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts. Mark 4:15**

## ***11. ACT ON THE WORD***

Without faith the word will profit you nothing. But true faith is the faith that acts on the word. The word, for instance, heals, but it can't heal you unless you act upon such verses like Isaiah 53:5 which

says by his stripes we are healed; and stop nursing the sickness, attracting sympathy, or relying on or seeking other sources for healing. Acting upon the word is the Bible faith that works. When Peter received the spoken word of Christ, " come." He acted upon it by stepping on to the water and there he was walking on the sea. If he had not acted upon the word, his 'belief' could not have triggered the power in the word and could not be called Bible faith.

Words effect nothing unless they are spoken, or believed or acted upon. God's word will remain powerless to you so long you refuse to act on it.

**And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net.** And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake. Luke 5:5-6

## **11: Do THE WORD.**

The word of God is full of covenant instructions; you do them to profit from them. It is when you do what the word says that God is committed to make good his word in your life. Without doing the word you can't be a beneficiary of its provision. Why? Because you always have a part of obedience to play in all of God's agenda. For example, you can't expect God to bless you financially if you don't

want to work, or you are working but hate to give. If you will not obey the word to forgive one another, you should forget about peace in your relationship. It is the word you obey and make a practice of that makes things work in your life.

**But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a**

glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed. James 1:22-25

Don't be selective to do God's word. Be committed to do all. The ones you choose not to do will leave a void. You don't necessarily

have to like the instruction of Scripture before you obey. Obey it all the same from a willing heart. Willingness and obedience are what is required for God's word to work for you, not your opinion.

**If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:  
Isaiah 1:19**

## **12. PRAY WITH THE WORD**

**Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD,**

**my strength, and my redeemer.**

**Psalms 19:14**

Nothing can be more acceptable to God than his word. Therefore put his word in prayers when you pray. Use the word as prayer points. Not only pray in line with Scriptures, pray the Scriptures. Quote God's word in prayer. Remind God of his word. Make declarations in prayers quoting Scriptures. Remember the word not only works on the go, it works on your knees.

## **13. WAR WITH THE WORD**

**For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Ephesians 6:12**

Life is war, and victory only comes by fight. Bring the word to your fight and then you will have testimony to share. It is those that fight that win. When you have to

fight, you have to fight. The word of God is a weapon of war. If you will not use the word to do warfare, you are not making the most of the word. Rebuke the devil quoting Gods word. Rebuke diseases, quoting God's word. Destroy all the works of the devil, quoting scriptures. When you quote scriptures in warfare, power, fire, sword, hammer and light go forth to destroy all the works of darkness.

**Is not my word like as a fire?  
saith the LORD; and like a  
hammer that breaketh the rock  
in pieces? Jeremiah 23:29**

**And take the helmet of  
salvation, and the sword of the  
Spirit, which is the word of God:  
Ephesians 6:17**

**Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,  
and a light unto my path. Psalms  
119:105**

**Weaponize the word; it is God's  
weapon of war.**