STORE UP THE WORD OF GOD IN YOUR HEART 11 of 50 days (until Pentecost)

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"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength."

Deuteronomy 6:5 In Deuteronomy 6:5-9 the word of God says, "Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates." After reading these passages a few times, one can easily ask themselves, "What does this mean to me and why is the Word of God so important in my daily life?

As a believer in God and a follower of Christ Jesus, one receives the understanding of the necessity to pray, read and meditate on the word of God daily. Why? First of all, as a parent, the Word tells us that it is necessary to impress (to fix deeply or firmly on the mind or memory) the Word of God on our children. Teaching and training the children begins at home. We need to create a memory about God and what He has done for us in our children's mind so that when they grow up

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they will remember. They need to see their parents praying, reading, worshiping God in the midst of trouble and trusting the Lord for their provision when the kitchen cabinets are empty. Proverbs 22:6 says, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."

The Word of God is life. If the word of God is in us, then what comes out of our hearts and out of our mouths will too be life for those who hear us. The words that come out of our mouth will encourage a person and not break them down. The Word will bring comfort to someone in their time of need. The Word of God will bring salvation to someone who has never known Christ or reconcile those who have fallen away. Psalm 1:1-3 says, "Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers."

When we are in the Word of God we understand that we should do all things without complaining and disputing because it says so in Philippians 2:14. When we are in the Word of God we know that we should give thanks on ALL occasions because it is the will of God in Christ Jesus for us like it says in 1 Thessalonians 5:18. Did you know that we are supposed to count our trials of various kinds as pure joy like it says in James 1:2-4? Did you know that without faith it is impossible to please God? That's what it says in Hebrews 11:6. Go ahead! Open up the Word and see what else God has to say.

Finally, let's meditate on God's word day and night and as we walk or drive along the road. Let's be ready to be used by God in season and out of season. Let's be that salt and light that Matthew 5:13-16 speaks about. Let's store up God's Word in our hearts so that we may not sin against Him.



"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything."

James 1:2-4

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