



We are filled with hope, as we wait for the glorious return of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ. Titus 2:13 (CEV)

- We must do life with the **Holy Spirit**.

Acts shows us is:

We know we need time with God when our frustrations with the **society** around us is greater than the fruit of the Spirit within us.

But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Galatians 5:22-23 (NLT)

The believers were to:

- Love the **people** in this world.
- Be willing to **share Jesus** with the world.

Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. Acts 4:29 (NIV)

...Always be ready to give an answer when someone asks you about your hope. 1 Peter 3:15 (CEV)

Paul and Silas ...came to Thessalonica, where there was a Jewish synagogue. As was Paul's custom, he went to the synagogue service, and for three Sabbaths in a row he used the Scriptures to reason with the people. Acts 17:1-2 (NLT)

Don't let the rejection from some **taint** your love for others.

Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true. As a result, many of them believed, as did also a number of prominent Greek women and many Greek men. Acts 17:11-12 (NIV)

The refreshing thing about the Bereans:

- They had a **moral** character about them that expressed the love for God in them.

...the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica... Acts 17:11a (NIV)

Our love for God will produce in us a **love** for God's Word.

Jesus said "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word. John 14:23 (ESV)

- They had an eagerness about them that displayed an **appetite** within them.

...for they received the message with great eagerness... Acts 17:11b (NIV)

Our love for God will produce in us a **desire** for God's Word.

Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers. But they delight in the law of the Lord, meditating on it day and night. Psalm 1:1-2 (NLT)

- They had a discipline about them that revealed the **devotion** within them.

(They) examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true... Acts 17:12a (NIV)

Study to show yourself approved by God, a workman who need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 2 Timothy 2:15 (MEV)

Our love for God will produce in us a **dedication** to His Word.

And now just as you trusted Christ to save you, trust him, too, for each day's problems; live in vital union with him. Let your roots grow down into him and draw up nourishment from him. See that you go on growing in the Lord, and become strong and vigorous in the truth you were taught. Let your lives overflow with joy and thanksgiving for all he has done. Don't let others spoil your faith and joy with their philosophies, their wrong and shallow answers built on men's thoughts and ideas, instead of what Christ has said. Colossians 2:6-8 (TLB)

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.

2 Timothy 3:16 (NLT)

For a time is coming when people will no longer listen to sound and wholesome teaching. They will follow their own desires and will look for teachers who will tell them whatever their itching ears want to hear. 2 Timothy 4:3 (NLT)

Application:

- Discover something you **don't know** about God.
- Learn to **study** the Bible.
- Read the Word of God and let the Word of God **read you**.

God's word is living and active. It is sharper than any two-edged sword and cuts as deep as the place where soul and spirit meet, the place where joints and marrow meet. God's word judges a person's thoughts and intentions. Hebrews 4:12 (GWT)

"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you" (John 14:26).



TO CREATIVELY LOVE AND LEAD PEOPLE IN A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.

Questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

These questions also work well for personal time with God.

- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Explain why?
- What does this statement mean to you: We must do life with the Holy Spirit.
- Why do we need the Holy Spirit to love people and share Jesus with the world?
- Are you satisfied with your knowledge of the Bible? Explain.
- What do it mean to have a love for God's Word?
- What does it mean to have an appetite for God's Word?
- What does it mean to have a dedication to God's Word?
- What are some reasons that we need God's word in our life?
- Are you able to recognize a lie from the culture that is not supported by the scripture? Can you give an example? Can you give the scripture references for your example? (No pressure)
- Do you try to fact check what Biblical teachers teach? Explain.
- What is one thing we can do to grow in our knowledge of the Bible?

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Reason we need God's Word in our lives:

- **It gives us faith that pleases God.**

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. Romans 10:17

- **It keeps us from sin.**

I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you. Psalm 119:11 (NLT)

- **It keeps us from Stumbling.**

Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path. Psalms 119:105

The law of his God is in his heart; his steps do not slip. Ps 37: 31

- **It keeps us pure.**

How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word. Psalm 119:9

- **The Word of God are words of life.**

...the very words I have spoken to you are spirit and life. John 6:63

- **God's word nourishes us.**

'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

Matthew 4:4 (NIV)

- **God's word instructs us and gives us hope.**

For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope. Romans 15:4



Today's Talk..



MAKING GOD'S WORD OUR PRIORITY