



## How Important Is The Word Of God?



**The newspaper and television channels are full of political, moral, social and community crises.** Government, communities, families and individuals have serious problems. Officials, politicians, activist groups, newspaper columnists, and commentators all give their assessments, opinions, and philosophies. Have you noticed? The daily papers and news media seldom if ever mention the counsel, commandments, and law of God as it relates to man's life and living. Instead, answers are sought and given by diverse thinking men, whose answers often contradict each other. Their thinking is often accepted as the solution to the problems at hand. Seldom do they mention what God says that will correct a particular problem. Seldom do they mention what He says must be done to correct a wrong, or to live right in His sight. Clearly, attention is not given to what the word of God says.

**Today, it seems like the word of God is considered insignificant for guiding man's daily living and for providing solutions to man's daily problems.** Yet the Old Testament psalmist said of God's word, "Your word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path," (Psa. 119:105). It is true; the word of God can guide a person through life and life's problems. The person who follows God's instruction will develop admirable, wholesome character and strength, and will live life on a higher and better plane than those who do not live according to the word of God. "Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, ... his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that

brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither, and whatever he does shall prosper (Psa. 1:1-3).

**In the New Testament Jesus declared that God's word is truth** (Jn. 17:17).

Jesus believed every word from God is true. He staked His life on it - - - and He gave His life for it! (Jn. 10:17-18)

One thing is clear: To those who believed His word He said, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (Jn. 8:31-32). In the second letter to Timothy the word of God states, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work" (2 Tim. 3:16-17). Yes, the word of God is all a person needs for teaching and correction to live right.

**God's word will thoroughly prepare and equip a person for every good work.**

Some Christian may doubt it and want to ask, "How can it?" It thoroughly equipped and prepared Jesus, did it not? Remember what Jesus said to Satan? "It is written 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'" (Matt. 4:4) No word of God is inconsequential. Jesus said, "every word!"

**God's word does have  
the answer for  
every problem that man has!**

**The story of one preacher's life illustrates the sufficiency of God's word.** This preacher who knew the Bible quite well obtained a college degree in psychology and business management so as to be well equipped in "people skills." Still not satisfied with his ability and understanding he then completed two years of graduate work in the fields of counseling and social work. Later he said, "Of every good, wholesome, and loving principle and teaching in all of man's psychology, sociology and learning theories, nothing is new! All the good, wholesome principles and teachings supposedly discovered and developed by man were declared in the Bible and given to man millenniums ago.

**Dear friend, dear Christian, there is no guidance, no standard of love like God's word!** The Bible is different than any other book ever written. The page is made up of paper and ink today, but the divine words of God (words that came from the breath and mouth of God; 2 Tim. 3:16), transcend the printed page by the divine, all-powerful working of God. "For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart" (Heb. 4:12).

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