

The Word of God

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I. Why Am I doing what I'm doing? (Mark 4:1-20)

A. After college will I still walk with the Lord?

B. Will I maintain my walk with Christ?

C. Parable of the sower:

1. Some seed fell on the path.

2. Some seed fell on the rocky ground with no root (hear the Word, but develop no roots; fall away with tribulation).

3. Some seed fell among thorns (hear the Word, but other things choke it out).

4. Some seed fell on good soil and brought forth a fruit (hear the Word, accept it, and bear fruit)

5. Jesus met with disciples and explained parable.

D. What are the commonalities among the soils?

1. Each has a sower.

2. Each has a seed.

3. Each has different qualities.

II. God uses His Word to encourage us (Isaiah 41:10)

A. Jesus doesn't speak to us audibly.

B. The Bible is God's medium to us.

C. The Pharisees knew the scripture, but they rejected Christ.

D. God comes to us through the Bible (Psalm 40:7).

III. Attitudes towards the Bible expressed through the Parable of the Sower

A. The path (Mark 4:15).

1. Hardness comes through a lack of response to God.

2. Sin will harden our consciousness towards God.

3. We will not respond to God's voice.

B. The rocky soil (Mark 4:16).

1. The hearer of the Word has no root.
2. Could be the result of not spending time in the Word on a daily basis.
3. Tribulation and Persecution will come.
 - a) Often brought by God.
 - b) May come about through our own disobedience.

C. The thorny soil (Mark 4:18).

1. Delight of riches may choke out the Word (Mark 8:36).
2. Cares of the world may choke out the Word.
3. Busyness may choke out the Word.

D. The good soil (Mark 4:20).

1. The hearer accepts the Word and grows fruit.
2. God is glorified when fruit is bore (John 15:8).
3. Fruit comes as we respond to the Word of God.

Study Questions:

1. What type of soil are you?

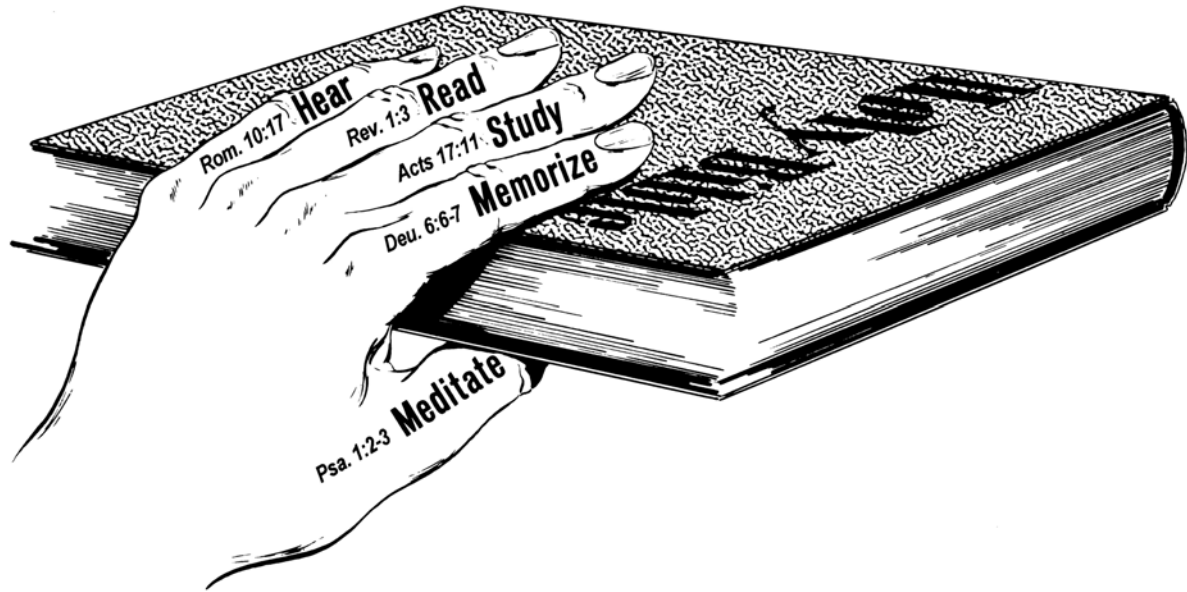
2. What sin is hardening your heart?

3. When you meet Christ, are you meeting a Stranger or an Old Friend?

4. As God speaks to you, take action, and know Him more intimately.

The Word Hand Illustration

Abiding in the Word of God



Hear – to be informed

Romans 10:17

Read – to be healthy

Jeremiah 3:15

Revelation 1:3

Study – to be intelligent

Deuteronomy 17:19

Acts 17:11

Memorize – to be skillful

II Timothy 2:15

Deuteronomy 6:6-7

Meditate – to be fruitful

Proverbs 7:1-3

Psalms 1:2-3

I Timothy 4:15

Apply – to be obedient

Ezra 7:10

James 1:22

Proclaim – to be reproductive

Colossians 1:28-29

II Timothy 2:2