Feeding on the Word of God

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Hebrews 4:12, Matthew 4:4, Hebrews 5:12, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, 2 Peter 1:21, John 17:17, 2 Corinthians 4:3, Luke 24:45, 1 Thessalonians 2:13, Exodus 23:2, Isaiah 5:20, Hebrews 13:8, Matthew 15:6, Proverbs 16:25, Judges 21:5, John 5:39, 2 Timothy 2:!5, Psalms 1:1-2

Hebrews 4:12

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.

The Word of God will affect change in our lives

If you remove the Word of God you will lose you ability to succeed

Matthew 4:4

But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

Hebrews 5:12

For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.

2 Timothy 3:16

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

2 Timothy 3:17

That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

2 Peter 1:21

For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

2 things to Grow in the Word of Faith

1. Accept the Word of God as your authority

John 17:17

Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

God's Word doesn't just contain truth but it is truth

2 Corinthians 4:3

But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:

God's Word should be the foundation for everything you do

The devil looks for people that doubt God's Word

2. How you approach the Bible will affect the way

Luke 24:45

Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,

You will never reach the bottom of the Bible if you are willing to let it teach you

1 Thessalonians 2:13

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.

The reason there is so much confusion in the world is that there are too many authorities

4 Unreliable authorities

1. Culture

Culture is doing what everybody is doing.

Just because everybody is doing it doesn't make it right

Exodus 23:2

Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil; neither shalt thou speak in a cause to decline after many to wrest judgment:

The only way to be relevant is to be eternally minded

2. Tradition

Just because you have always done that way doesn't make it right

Isaiah 5:20

Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

Hebrews 13:8

And honour not his father or his mother, he shall be free. Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition.

Matthew 15:6

Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil; neither shalt thou speak in a cause to decline after many to wrest judgment:

3. Reason

Proverbs 16:25

There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.

4. Emotion

Emotions says I will do what I feel like doing

Judges 21:5

And the children of Israel said, Who is there among all the tribes of Israel that came not up with the congregation unto the LORD? For they had made a great oath concerning him that came not up to the LORD to Mizpeh, saying, He shall surely be put to death.

You must earn to study the Bible

If you don't learn to study the Word it won't do you any good

John 5:39

Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.

We are not to just read the Word but study the Word

2 Timothy 2:15

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Psalm 1:1

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

Psalm 1:2

But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

The difference between reading and studying is taking notes