

The Life Changing Power of God's Word
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1. Read Hebrews 4:2. Four Important Points
 - a. It is possible for two people to hear the same preached message and one will profit from it and the other will not.
 - b. Hearing the preached Word is not enough to profit from it unless you do something with the words you hear.
 - c. The profit gained from the Word must be mixed with faith "In them that heard it".
 - d. Meditating on the scriptures is a sure way to mix your faith with the Word to obtain personal profit and benefit.
2. If we don't apply the Word our lives will not profit from it.
 - a. You cannot apply and benefit from what you do not understand.
 - b. Meditating on the words of instruction God gives will produce understanding and personal profit.
 - c. Read 1 Timothy 4:15.
3. Meditating on the Word of God will show forth profit in our lives.
 - a. Read 1 Timothy 3:16-17.
 - b. How to meditate on God's Word (www.zcf.org meditating teaching page - Noon Bible Study January 4, 2012 or purchase CD at the ZCF Bookstore).
4. All words are not profitable but the Word of God is for everyday life.
5. The Word of God like the words of men require a level of understanding in order to benefit from them.
6. By meditating on the Word God causes you to focus and get a clear understanding of what God intends for your life.
7. The power of understanding words can transform lives and entire countries.
 - a. Man was given the ability to communicate at the highest level with words.
 - b. Words form the basis of all communication among men and between God and man.
 - c. Words convey thoughts, concepts and ideas.
 - d. Without words there would be no sharing of knowledge and information and man would live in confusion.
 - e. Without words we would have no ability to understand and relate to God or to one another.
8. Men advanced out of the dark ages once there were wide spread understanding of words.
 - a. The Printing Press changed the world for the better by the mass communication and understanding of words.
 - b. The Printing Press was first invented in China in 1051 and independently invented in 1440 by a German, named Johannes Gutenberg in the Holy Roman Empire.
 - c. The Bible was the first book produced by the Printing Press.
 - d. The Printing Press created an explosion of books that allowed people to share their ideas and was the cause of scientific breakthroughs such as great wealth and an emerging middle class throughout Europe.
9. How is your understanding of words influence the life you live?