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God’s Powerful Word

“For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him whom we have to do.”
(Hebrews 4:12-13)

If you read all of chapter 4 of the book of Hebrews, you can see that the writer has told us of the consequences of Israel’s disobedience. He wants to get it through our heads that Israel’s awful tragedy can strike us as well if we disregard God’s powerful word.

The word of God is unlike any other book you have in any library. Even the Library of Congress, which claims to be the largest library in world, with more than 150 million items yet it is the Holy Scriptures that lay claim to be alive. The word of God is constantly alive. It is not a dead letter and it will penetrate your very soul.

It also claims to be “active” (ενεργησ- Greek). This is the word from which we get “energy” and “energetic.” It literally means “at work.” It has been said that: “News articles may inform us. Novels may inspire us. Poetry may enrapture us. But only the living, active word of God can TRANSFORM US.”

The word of God is also “piercing.” It is sharper than any two-edge sword piercing until it divides. Like a sharp sword which can lay open the human body with one slashing blow, so too the sword of the Spirit can open our inner life and expose it. It does this so we may know the many things we have to change in our lives.

The word of God is also able to “judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.” Why do you do the things you do? We can put on our Sunday clothes and our Sunday faces, but when we get into the word of God we see our true intentions and thoughts. You can fool others but you cannot fool God. His word will lay everything open and bare.

How powerful is the word of God? There is no other book like it in the world.

~ Danny Aragon, church of Christ, Kim CO

EVANGELISM - MINISTRY ACTIVITIES OF "THE UNVEILED GOSPEL"

Upcoming Events:

June:

FREE PUBLIC SEMINAR

9:00 – 12:00 AM

SUNDAY

JUNE 12, 2016

THE GODLY HEART SET



1. The Godly Heart Set Studies the Law of the Lord.

(Terry Smalling 719-468-7157; La Junta Church of Christ, CO; 9:00 AM)

2. The Godly Heart Set Practices the Law of the Lord.

(Danny Aragon 719-980-0587; Kim & Limon Churches of Christ, CO; 10:00 AM)

3. The Godly Heart Set Teaches the Law of the Lord.

(Tom Wright 719-964-8493; Limon Church of Christ, CO; 11:00 AM)

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EVERYONE IS INVITED

LUNCH WILL BE SERVED

26-29 – Gospel Meeting/Door Knocking Campaign for the Rawlins church of Christ, Rawlins, WY.

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(Romans 16:16)

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Discipleship – Introduction

I recently presented a lesson concerning discipleship and had brought out seven principles we should all bear in mind. The gospel of Mark is very concerned with discipleship and so I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate those seven points over the next few months so that you too can know what it means to be a disciple of Christ. Before getting into the principles of discipleship, though, it might be best to introduce the topic.

Discipleship is not easy. There are always opportunities to be led astray from our desire to remain faithful to Jesus. These distractions could be labeled as conflicts. We are conflicted by peer pressure, jobs, responsibilities, sickness; the list could go on and on. In Mark's gospel conflict is ever present with the disciples and generally the source of the conflict is with Jesus and his expectations of them.

This should really not be surprising to you. The one who defines what a disciple should look like would also be the one in whom disciples should mimic. The trouble with discipleship is that we – like the disciples in Mark – struggle to understand what Jesus taught. In many incidences the faith of the disciples proved to be quite weak and it is in these two areas (understanding and faith) that the conflict occurred with Jesus.

For example, after presenting the parable of the sower, Jesus' disciples inquired of him the meaning of the parable. He began his explanation with the following question: "*Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables?*" (Mark 4:13). Jesus did not give them time to respond as he dove right into the interpretation, but it is easy to see the conflict – even if it was unspoken. Later in the same chapter, faith was an issue.

Jesus desired to go to the other side of the Sea of Galilee. He fell asleep in the stern of the boat while a great storm arose. The disciples were afraid of the storm and woke Jesus to have him do something about it. After Jesus calmed the storm, the real problem surfaced: they did not have faith. Jesus had said to them, "*Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?*" (Mark 4:40).

It should be our desire to strive for understanding. We have ears, so we should hear what Jesus is saying (Mark 4:9). We should also be taking advantage of opportunities to grow our faith. While we may never cross a sea during a terrible storm with Jesus, we are being tossed to-and-fro by the sea of life. We can call on Jesus to calm the storm and allow our faith to be built up in his ability to save. Pray, then, for understanding and faith as you continue to walk with God.

~ DJ Overman, church of Christ, Walsenburg CO

Women's Point of View

"Older Women – pt. 1 - Slander"

Titus 2:3-5 states, "Older women are to be reverent in the ways they live - not to be slanders (i.e. malicious talkers or gossips) or addicted to much wine. But teachers of what is good. Then they can train the younger women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind and to be subject to their husbands so that no one malign the word of God."

Boy! Those are big jobs! "To teach what is good" and "to train the younger women" - So let's break this down some and look today at being reverent and not to be slanders.

I know that Titus was in a rough situation, dealing with rough people. But then in today's world, doesn't it feel like we are all in rough situations? Paul was helping Titus to break down the big job into smaller ones. 1. Titus was to teach the older men. 2. Titus was to teach older women. 3. Older women were to teach younger women. 4. Titus was to teach younger men. 4. Titus was to teach slaves. The only group assigned to teach someone else was older women. This was to avoid any slander of Titus or young women being accused of inappropriate behavior. The whole reason for teaching the congregation how to act was so "all men (women too) are upright and godly in this present age." We could sure use some of this! 5. "That no one will malign the word of God."

So my question is - Where do we as older women start? God said start with yourself, mainly with your mouth and what you say. Ouch! He tells us not to be slanders, gossips, give false witness, or liars or false accusers. Most of these are pretty much the same thing - saying or repeating something that isn't true. It starts usually with a problem, like someone wasn't at worship or didn't do something they were expected to do. All concerned start asking each other where are they? what's wrong? and this is all for concern for their welfare and salvation. But soon someone will say, "I think this or I think that." The next thing you know the story is - They have a new fishing pole and took the Lord's Day off! Then we get upset and question their faith and loyalty to God and the church. Before you know it someone has told them (probably wanting to see the fishing pole) and they are hurt because they were home sick, and no one checked on them, and no one loves them, and they all are hypocrites, and I am never going back to that church again! The sad thing is they stay mad, their family and children stay mad. Then 30 years later a new preacher is asking what happened to all these people who use to be part of the Lord's fellowship? The worst thing is the Lord's word has been maligned!

Slander, gossip, and etc. may not start out to be malicious but it gets there fast. It can be about anyone - even those we love. Nowadays with social media the world becomes

"offended" easily and "unfriends" each other daily. With all this communication there isn't much talking to each other. The truth is seldom sought out. Yet that would have been what Titus would have taught the older women to do. To go to others in love, find out the problem and solve it. Care for sick or instruct them on the importance of the Lord's day or whatever. If a wrong was already committed they would have been taught to go to each other and work it out.

I think God inspired Paul to write to Titus and Timothy because as older women we can fall into slander because we know everyone and everything they ever did! However, we know everyone and everything that has ever hurt them. We have life experiences and can help them cope. We are the best at taking care of hurts both physical and spiritual.

The next time someone tells you about a problem with someone else or even just where are they on the Lord's day? We should say "What should we do to help?"

Kim Baker, church of Christ, La Junta CO

THIRTY RULES OF BIBLE STUDY – RULE FOUR

Rule four of Bible study is that the fundamental goal of Bible study is for one to discover what one's relationship to God is whether right or wrong, and then use the study to make any necessary corrections (Acts 2.36-47; 8.26-40; 10.34-48; 16.14-15; 25-34; 18.24-28; 19.1-7; 22.12-16). Thus, all of the proceeding listed Scriptures (plus an infinite number of passages not listed) contain examples of people who were in wrong relationships with God before they engaged in Bible studies. However, after they engaged in Bible studies, most of the people used them to make the necessary corrections in their lives to enter into right relationships with God. Consequently, it is the absence or presence of sin in every accountable person's life which puts the person in a right or wrong relationship with God.

Uniformly, Bible studies are for entire nations to discover what their relationships to God are whether right or wrong, and then use their studies to make any necessary corrections (Isa. 2.1-4; Gen.-Rev.). For example, God had affirmed Old Testament Judah and Israel went into exile and were destroyed because of their lack of knowledge from not studying their Scriptures (Isa. 5.13; Hos. 4.6). In the New Testament, the apostle Paul wrote that governments are ministers of God who are supposed to encourage good and punish evil (Rom. 13.1-7). Yet, as nations (like the USA) start turning criminals into heroes and heroes into criminals, it is due to their lack of knowledge and Bible study. No longer in right relationships with Him, God destroys them (Deut. 32.8; Job 12.23; Acts 17.22-34).

~Tom Wright, church of Christ, Limon CO

Sinful Pride

“Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you” (James 4:10).

Satan has always had a strong cache of artillery against the human flesh because he has always known our weakness as human beings. His strategy calls for an attack on our weakest points and pride is his strongest temptation to attack our souls. His sin of pride began his own demise and his aggravation from God's judgment motivated his assault on mankind. He went right to work on God's creation by tempting them with pride: “For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil” (Genesis 3:5). Flesh is tragically tempted by desire for self.

Satan's attack on our souls is always in opposition to God's word. His desire is to plant doubt in us because doubt is the opposite of faith. Faith is what God uses to credit righteousness in the accounts of His followers: “But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness” (Romans 4:5). Paul's inspired point here is that faith depends on God's power to save and never relies on our own abilities to earn salvation. This is the faith that pleases God.

Solomon wrote, “Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before stumbling” (Proverbs 16:18). Many times and in many ways we allow pride to take us away from faith. We become prideful people when we think we know how to be saved without going to God for His instructions. Whenever we put man's “I think so” before God's “I say so” we become prideful people headed for a fall. Make sure you stay on your feet walking in the way of righteousness by being humble before God and receiving His counsel.

~ Cub Orcutt, church of Christ, Trinidad CO

We at “The Unveiled Gospel” want to thank the many members of the Lord's church for all the encouragement that we have received. This periodical has only been in existence for six months and the comments we have received have been overwhelming. We are truly humbled by your acceptance of our periodical and for the willingness of congregations from Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico and Wyoming for being willing to talk to us about Gospel Meetings, Seminars, and Evangelism workshops. We are so excited to help any congregation. We want to encourage the brethren in any way we can. If we can be of help to your congregation, please don't hesitate to call. You can reach Danny at 719-980-0587 or Tom at 719-964-8493.