

The Cultivation of the Word of God

I. The Word of God: Alive, Powerful, and Profitable

A. Alive—and thus worthy to impart life (John 6:63/ Heb.4:12/1 Pet.1:23)

B. Powerful (Heb.4:12)

1. Creative power (Ps.33:6, 9/Heb.11:3)
2. Maintaining power (Heb.1:3/2 Pet.3:7)
3. Power to remain unchanged (Ps.119:89/Luke 16:17/Mark 13:31)
4. Power to effect miraculous change (Gen.1/ 2 Thes.2:13)
5. Reproductive power (1 Pet.1:23/Luke 8:11)
6. Conquering power (Jer.23:29/Ps.46:6/Rev.19:15/Eph.6:17)

C. Profitable (2 Tim.3:16-17/Ps.19:11)

1. Providing knowledge of God and wisdom for salvation (2 Tim.3:15/Rom.10:17)
2. Providing nourishment for spiritual sustenance and growth (Deut.8:3/Amos 8:11/1 Pet.2:2)
3. Providing the means of cleansing of heart and habits (Ps.119:9, 11/John 15:3)
4. Providing guidance in a darkened world (Ps.119:24, 105)
5. Providing wisdom and insight (Ps.119:130, 97-100)
6. Providing comfort, hope and joy (Rom.15:4/ Ps.19:8/Jer.15:16)
7. Promoting good physical health (Prov.3:8/Ex.15:26)

II. Cultivating the Word of God (1 Cor.3:6)

A. Receive the Word sown (Prov.2:1/19:20/James 1:21/Matt.13:18-23)

B. Love the Word of God (Ps. 19:10/119:127, 165/Job 23:12)

C. Mix it with faith (Heb.4:2/Rom.4:18-21/Heb.11:11)

D. Meditate upon it day and night (Ps.1:1-3/Josh.1:8/Prov.6:20-23)

E. Obey it (James 1:22-25/John 13:17)

F. Pass it on (Ezra 7:10/Heb.5:12)