

The Power of God's Word

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Genesis 1:1-3



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Isaiah 55:10-11



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**Real change, lasting change
happens from the inside out.
It's a heart thing.**



**As a man or woman thinks in
his or her heart, so is he or she.**

Proverbs 23:7 (KJV)



**Create in me a clean heart,
O God and renew a
right spirit within me.**

Psalm 51:10



**David was essentially asking
for a change of heart.**



Reflection Question:

What change do you need and want to see in your life?



**Power is the capacity to
generate change.**

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**And God said, let there be
light and there was light.**

Genesis 1:3



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In the Hebrew, there are several words translated “word”, the most common is “davar” – “a thing said”.



**Seven times, we have
God saying, “Let there
be and whatever he spoke,
it was so.**



**God made something
out of nothing!**



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**I am not ashamed of the Gospel
because it is the power of God for
the salvation of everyone who
believes, first for the Jew and
then for the Gentile.**

Romans 1:16



**For you have been born again,
not of perishable seed, but of
imperishable, through the living
and enduring word of God.**

I Peter 1:23



Reflection Question:

**Why wouldn't anyone believe
and receive the Word of God?**



**The word like God
is perfect.**

II Samuel 22:31



**The word of God
is eternal.**

Psalm 119:89



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Isaiah 40:8



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**The word of God is everything
we need for life and godliness.**

Psalm 19:7-11



The word is food for the soul.

Psalm 119:103



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**The word of God is a light
for your path.**

Psalm 119:105



**The Word of God is living
and active.**

Hebrews 4:12



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The word purifies life.

Psalm 119:9



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**The word is a spiritual offensive weapon
against the enemy – Ephesians 6:17.**

**The word for “Word” used here is –
“rhema” and it describes the preached
word, or an utterance of God occasioned
by the Holy Spirit in the heart.**



**The word was written with a purpose –
John 20:31. But these are written that
you may believe that Jesus is the
Messiah, the Son of God, and that
by believing you may have life in
his name.**



**The Bible is the distillation
of the message of God in
printed form.**



The marvel and miracle of the scriptures is not that they are the results of precise verbal dictation, but that they are the distillation of God's breath in written form through finite humans.

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**The scriptures are
inspired...Inspiration is that
influence of God's Spirit upon the
minds of the scripture writers,
which made their writings a
record of divine revelation.**



**All scripture is God-breathed and is
useful for teaching, rebuking,
correcting, and training in
righteousness, so that the servant of
God may be thoroughly equipped for
every good work.**



II Peter 1:19-21



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Discussion Question:

What questions have you struggled with concerning the integrity or authenticity of scripture? How have you sought to find answers to your questions?



**If you love me, keep my commands.
And I will ask the father, and he will
give you another advocate to help you
and be with you Forever—
the Spirit of truth.**

John 14:15



John 14:25



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John 16:13



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**The Word of God is a document,
and it is a life force.**



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**The word has power.
Dunamis simply defined is
the ability to affect change
or produce effect.**



The Word of God changes us.

II Timothy 3:14-16



It is useful for . . .

- a. teaching – what is right**
- b. rebuking - what is not right**
- c. correcting – showing us how to get right**
- d. training in righteousness – showing us how to stay right**
- e. preparation for every good work or service**

