Life In The Word - 2

"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

John 10:10 NIV

"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it." Matthew 7:24-27 ESV

7 ways to building a life in the Word: (Part 1 – James 1:19-25)

- 1) Receive it with my ears
- 2) Read it with my eyes
- 3) Research it with my mind
- 4) Remember it in my heart

(Part 2 – Joshua 1:8)

5. I BUILD MY LIFE ON THE WORD WHEN <u>I MEDITATE ON IT WITH MY THOUGHTS</u>.

"This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall <u>meditate on it day and night</u> ..."

Joshua 1:8

"I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways." Psalms 119:15 NIV

"After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, saying, 'Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward.'" Genesis 15:1 NKJV

"Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper." Psalms 1:1-3 NKJV

"I remembered my songs in the night. My heart mused and my spirit inquired: 'Will the Lord reject forever? Will he never show his favor again? Has his unfailing love vanished forever? Has his promise failed for all time? Has God forgotten to be merciful? Has he in anger withheld his compassion?'

Then I thought, 'To this I will appeal: the years of the right hand of the Most High.' I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago. I will meditate on all your works and consider all your mighty deeds."

Psalms 77:6-12 NIV

"Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy — meditate on these things."

Philippians 4:8 NKJV

6. I BUILD MY LIFE ON THE WORD WHEN I SPEAK IT WITH MY MOUTH.

"This Book of the Law shall not depart **from your mouth** ..." Joshua 1:8 ESV

"Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit."

Proverbs 18:21 NKJV

"A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things. But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned." Matthew 12:35-37 NKJV

"And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, 'I believed and therefore I spoke,' we also believe and therefore speak." 2 Corinthians 4:13 NKJV

"By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible."

Hebrews 11:3 NKJV

7. I BUILD MY LIFE ON THE WORD WHEN I ACT ON IT WITH MY OBEDIENCE.

"... <u>do according to all that is written in it</u>. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success."

Joshua 1:8 ESV

"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock." Matthew 7:24 NIV

"Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it

— he will be blessed in what he does."

James 1:22-25 NIV

Memory Verse:

"This Book of the Law shall not depart <u>from your mouth</u>, but you shall <u>meditate on it day and</u> <u>night</u>, so that you may be careful to <u>do according to all that is written in it</u>. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success." Joshua 1:8 ESV