

God's Word – Truth that will Set you Free!

About this lesson:

True freedom comes through living by God's Word. God's Word is the Bible and it is already at work in you. The Bible shows you the truth that will set you free. This truth will change your life!

Today you will learn:

- **What God's Word is.**
- **How it works.**
- **How it can set you free.**

Do as follows:

- ✓ Read the text and underline important passages.
- ✓ Find the Scripture verses in your Bible.
- ✓ Mark them.

The more you study,
the more you will understand.
God bless you!



1 What is God's Word?

God's Word has already produced the best thing that could ever happen in your life – your salvation. This happened through the Word of God:

- You heard the Word about Jesus.
- You received the promise in the Word.
- You spoke according to the Word.
- God did exactly as it is written in the Word:

1 Peter 1:23-25 **"For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God."**

James 1:18 The Bible says that you are born again through the Word. Can you see – God has already used the Word to save you? But



What is God's Word? (continued)

this is just the beginning; you will live by the power of the Word for the rest of your life!

God's Word is the Bible – and the Bible is the Truth

God's Word is the Bible, the book that you can have and read. This is a wonderful gift. Jesus knew that he would not be able to remain with us and so he had a solution: "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples." Jesus' teachings are written in the Bible.

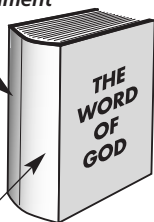
John 8:31

God breathed his life into the Bible

The Bible is no ordinary book. The Holy Spirit spoke through God's messengers, and they wrote down what he told them. "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

2 Tim 3:16,17

New Testament
27 books



The Book that God gave us

What is written in the Bible is God's Word. Through the Bible, God has spoken to people throughout history. God's powerful, liberating truth is revealed in the Bible. It will teach you and help you every time you open it!

Old Testament
39 books

What does the Bible consist of?

The Bible has two parts: the Old Testament and the New Testament. The Old Testament was available in Jesus' time, and the New Testament was written afterwards. It explains God's truth to us through the teachings of Jesus and his apostles. Every single word of it is true. But not only is it true, it is filled with the power of God. Jesus said: "I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished."

Heb 4:12

Matt 5:18

Let's summarise what we have learned so far:

Isa 40:8

John 8:31,32

- The Bible is the Word of God and it will never change.
- The Bible is the key to staying close to Jesus.



2 Jesus is God's Word

John 1:1

Gen 1:2

1 John 1:1

The Bible, God's Word, is more than a book. Jesus is the Word. He was present when God created the world.

When Jesus was born, God's Word became a tangible reality, in human form. Jesus is the Word of life: "That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our own eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched – this we proclaim concerning the Word of life."

The Word comes into your home

When you let the Word of God into your home, your school, or your job – Jesus comes. He has something to say about every detail of your life. Imagine Jesus following you through a day: sitting with you, working with you, talking to you! This will happen as you let the Word fill your heart and mind. Jesus, God's Word, will walk with you! How? Through the Bible, where you find the life-giving words of Jesus.

Col 3:16

God's Word is Spirit and Life

The Bible is not simply a book of words. These words contain life, God's kind of life. But you must open the Bible and receive the truth. Only then will the truth start to live in you. If the Bible just sits on your shelf, it is still truth, but nothing will happen.

Jesus says: "The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and they are life." The words of the Bible are different from all other words. They are Spirit – and the Spirit is God himself. This means that when you receive the words from the Bible, the Spirit of God starts to change you. God's own kind of life comes into you.

John 6:63



3 The Word begins to change you

Areas in your life that are touched by the Word will begin to change. If you are sick and you read what God says about healing, healing comes to you through the Word: "He sent forth his word and healed them." Nothing else has such dramatic, life-changing power! So study the Bible, speak out the promises and remain in the Word of God.

Ps 107:20

God's Word: A firm foundation

Our world is transitory and everything is changing: all material



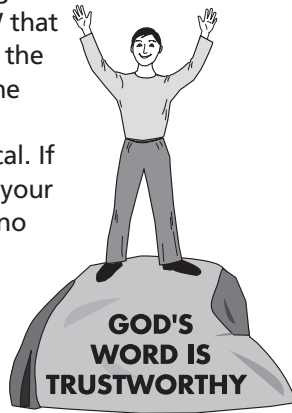
The Word begins to change you (continued)

Matt 24:35

things, ideas, systems and even knowledge. However, Jesus says: "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away." Therefore, God's Word is a firm foundation on which you can stand. "He set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand." You can KNOW that God keeps his promises: "For the Word of the Lord is right and true; he is faithful in all he does."

Ps 40:2
Ps 33:4
Matt 7:7
John 15:7

Let's be practical, because God is practical. If you have a promise from God's Word for your situation, you can stand on that promise no matter how you feel or whatever people say. God's Word is even more solid than the ground under your feet. One day, that will disappear, but God's Word will last forever!



Examples of standing on God's Word

Let God's power come into your life!

1 Cor 1:18

The apostle Paul says: The message of the cross (where Jesus died for you and me) is the power of God to us who are being saved. Wow! The very message about the cross is filled with the power of God.

- If you feel guilty and cannot forget things you once did, even though you have asked God's forgiveness, remember what Jesus did on the cross and declare: **"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."**
- If you feel lonely and think that no one cares about you, remember what happened on the cross and say: **God has sent the Spirit of his Son into my heart and I can call God my "Dear Father". I am no more a slave but a son of God.**
- If you are sick and need God's help, remember what Jesus did on the cross for your healing and say: **By his wounds I have been healed.**

1 John 1:9

Gal 4:6,7

1 Peter 2:24

You heard what Paul says above – the very message about the cross is God's power! This power will come into your life when you claim God's promises and trust him to change your life according to his Word.

God's Word brings direction

Ps 119:105

Often, we need direction. We wonder what we should do and where we should go. God's Word is a lamp to your feet and a light for your path! The Bible has something to say about every aspect of life. The more you study God's Word, the more help and direction you will receive. God will teach you – through his Word – how to lead a life of love and power in his wonderful presence.

Bible Quest



Exercise 1: Below are some Bible verses which describe the Word of God. Look them up and write down what they say:

2 Sam 22:31 _____

Prov 30:5 _____

John 17:17 _____

Heb 4:12 _____

Phil 2:16 _____

Ps 119:103 _____

Ps 119:130 _____

John 6:63 _____

Bible Quest (continued)



Exercise 2: List three areas where you need God to change you or your circumstances:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____



Now go to the leaflet "Words of Spirit & Life" and find a Bible verse for each of the areas you have listed. Note the verses below and trust what God says. Stand on his promises!

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____



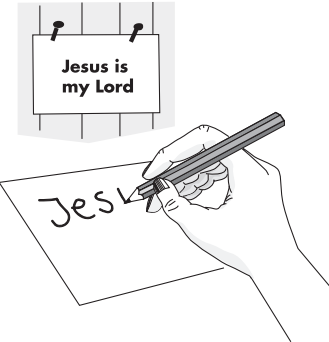
Action Time

How can God's Word affect your life and your home? Through your speech! When you speak God's Word in faith, the power of God is released and miracles happen. Therefore, if you remind yourself to speak God's truth, your life will never be the same again.

1. Fill your home with God's Word

Prov 4:20-22

Hang Bible verses on your walls. Carry memory verses in your purse – use them as bookmarks. Remind yourself of the truths in God's Word, for example: I am a new creation in Christ Jesus, I am healed by the wounds of Jesus, etc. The more of God's Word you sow into your life, the more your faith will grow.



2 Cor 5:17

1 Peter 2:24

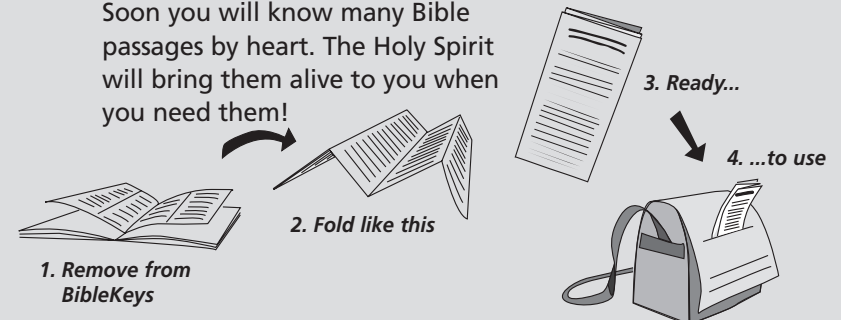
2. Use your leaflet, "Words of Spirit & Life"

With this lesson you received "Words of Spirit & Life". This is a little leaflet to put in your Bible, your pocket, or bag. It contains basic, but very powerful Scriptures.

How to use "Words of Spirit & Life"

1. Remove it from the lesson and fold it so the pages appear in the right order.
2. Carry it with you.
3. Say the Bible verses out loud. Your faith and the confession of your mouth will change your life. Soon you will know many Bible passages by heart. The Holy Spirit will bring them alive to you when you need them!

Rom 10:9,10





Memo Time

Memorize and Speak God's Word

Write the Bible verses on a sheet of paper, and read them many times each day – on the bus, during a break, or together with the family at a mealtime.

**“The word of the Lord
is right and true;
he is faithful in all he does.”**

Ps 33:4

**“Heaven and earth will pass away,
but my words will never pass away.”**

Matt 24:35



BibleKeys Information

Our next lesson includes teaching on these vital life-changing topics:

- Baptism
- Fellowship with other believers
- Prayer and worship

BibleKeys is:

- ✗ a series of lessons with basic teaching from the Word of God.
- ✗ self-instructive, but can also be used in groups.

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