How to Activate the Power of God's Word in Your Life

Introduction

This Bible School is going to help you do three things:

1. Receive personal revelations and faith, and receive the power of God in your life
2. Enter into your calling: start ministries or churches and understand what God wants you to do. (2 Timothy 3:16).
3. Get healed, delivered, and restored. The truth will set you free (John 17:17).

2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, [17]that the man of God may be complete, ***thoroughly equipped for every good work.***

3 Types of Leaven

Mark 8:15 Then He charged them, saying, "Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod."

Matthew 13:33 Another parable He spoke to them: "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal till it was all leavened."

Jesus cites 3 types of leaven, 3 things that can influence your thoughts

1. Herod, a secular ruler	Symbol of secular thinking
2. The Pharisees, religious leaders	Symbol of religious thinking
3. Kingdom	Symbol of Kingdom thinking

We want Kingdom thinking.

Our Receptivity Influences the Power of God's Word in Our Lives

Mark 7:13 ...making the word of God of no effect through your tradition which you have handed down. And many such things you do.

We can make the word of God of no effect.

1. Understand What God Himself Says About His Word

You have to know what God Himself says about His Word:

1. The Word of God is living and powerful (Hebrews 4:12).
2. The Word of God judges our thoughts and attitudes, dividing soul and spirit (Hebrews 4:12).
3. God watches over His Word to bring it to pass (Jeremiah 1:12).
4. God's Word never returns to Him void (Isaiah 55:1).
5. God's Word is like seed that produces a 100-fold return (Mark 4:14).
6. God's Word has been given to instruct, reprove, correct, improve, and so that we will be complete and thoroughly equipped for every good work (2 Timothy 3:16).

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7. God's Word is like food: bread, milk, honey, and meat (Matthew 4:4, 1 Peter 2:2, Psalm 19:9, 119:103, Revelation 10:10, Hebrews 5:12).
8. God's Word is like a fire (Jeremiah 23:29).
9. God's Word is like a mirror (James 1:22).
10. God's Word is like a hammer (Jeremiah 23:29).
11. God's Word is like water that cleanses and sanctifies us (Ephesians 5:26, John.15:3, James 1:21, John 17:17).
12. God's Word is the foundation on which we should build (Matthew 7:24).
13. God's Word is the truth (John 8:31, 17:17, Numbers 23:19, Titus 1:2).
14. God's Word is our most precious possession (Psalm 19:7-10, Isaiah 40:8, Matthew 24:35).
15. God's Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our paths (Psalm 119:105).
16. The Word of God is Spirit (John 6:63).
17. The Word of God is the sword of the Spirit (Ephesians 6:17).
18. The Word of God produces faith (Romans 10:17).
19. The Word of God is Spirit (John 6:63, 10:34).
20. The Word of God brings life (Proverbs 4:20, John 6:63).
21. The Word of God is perfect and complete (Psalm 12:6, 19:7).
22. God has magnified His Word above His Name (Ps.138:2).

How Do You Activate the Power of God's Word in Your Life?

There are 3 conditions, 3 steps.

1. Accept God's Word as the Truth and Your Standard, the Thing You Measure Everything Else Against / Measuring Stick / Benchmark.

The first thing you have to decide for yourself is that God's Word is:

- The truth
- Your standard
- The thing you're going to measure everything else against

God's Word is the thing you measure everything else against. It's your point of reference. That's how you need to approach God's Word for the rest of your life. God's Word is the absolute truth. Anything that goes against God's Word, goes against the truth.

What God says is true. *It* is the absolute truth, not your ideas, traditions, feelings, the things your eyes see, the things your ears hear, the things you are used to or your personal experiences.

Psalm 138:2 ...For You have magnified Your word above all Your name.

Numbers 23:19 God is not a man, that He should lie, nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? ***Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?***

Numbers 23:19 (NIV) ***God is not human, that He should lie, not a human being, that He should change His mind. Does He speak and then not act? Does He promise and not fulfill?***

Titus 1:2 2 in hope of eternal ***life which God, who cannot lie****, promised before time began,*

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Job also had a wrong image of God, meaning he wanted to blame God, to which God said: *"Would you condemn Me that you may be justified?"* (Job 40:3).

People are blaming God, accusing God, that they may be justified themselves. But it doesn't work like that.

We can't justify ourselves before God by shifting the blame for all sorts of things onto Him. On judgement day, we will see that God is true and every man is a liar. God will be justified and be proven right when He judges.

Romans 3:4 Certainly not! Indeed, let ***God be true but every man a liar.*** *As it is written: "That You may be justified in Your words, and may overcome when You are judged."*

Romans 3:4 (NIV) Not at all! Let God be true, and every human being a liar. As it is written: "So that you may be proved right when you speak and prevail when you judge."

God's Word is pure and will be a shield for us if we accept it as it is. If we add things with our yes buts, we will see that we were wrong, not God.

Proverbs 30:5-6 Every word of God is pure; He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him. [6] ***Do not add to His words****, Lest He rebuke you,* ***and you be found a liar.***

Jeremiah 1:12 Then the Lord said to me, "You have seen well, ***for I am ready to perform My word."***

Isaiah 55:11 So shall My Word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, ***and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.***

God is a Covenant-Keeping God.

Psalm 89:34 My covenant I will not break, nor alter the Word that has gone out of My lips.

Psalm 105:8-9 He remembers His covenant forever, the Word which He commanded, for a thousand generations, [9] *The covenant which He made with Abraham, and His oath to Isaac,*

2 Corinthians 1:20 "For all the promises of God find their yes in Him. That's why it's through Him that we utter our Amen to God for His glory."

Every promise in the Bible, whether it is about healing, deliverance, provision, blessing, is YES and AMEN.

Heaven and earth will pass away, the grass will wither, and flowers fall, but the Word of the Lord stands firm forever.

Isaiah 40:8 The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God stands forever."

Matthew 24:35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

Some people want to add things to God's Word, i.e., their yes, buts. When you read a text like John

God is in the business of fulfilling His Word. He does what He says He's going to do. That's what He does.

Matthew 1:22-23 ***So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord*** *through the prophet, saying:* [23] *"Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."*

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Matthew 2:15 and was there until the death of Herod, ***that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet,*** *saying, "Out of Egypt I called My Son."*

Matthew 2:17-18 ***Then was fulfilled what was spoken*** *by Jeremiah the prophet, saying: [18] "A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, refusing to be comforted, because they are no more."*

Matthew2:23 And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, ***that it might be fulfilled*** *which was spoken by the prophets, "He shall be called a Nazarene."*

2. Receive Revelation and Faith from the Word

Make the switch from information to revelation, from your head to your heart, from knowledge to faith. Every word that God says, has the ability to fulfill what God said, provided that we believe it. The flip side of this teaching on the authority and power of God's Word, is that it only works for those who accept it and believe it.

Luke 1:45 ***Blessed is she who believed, for there will be a fulfillment of those things which were told her from the Lord."***

If the Word that we hear is not paired with faith, it won't bring us the slightest advantage, just like the Israelites received the promise that they would enter the Promised Land, but it didn't come to pass because they didn't believe it.

Hebrews 4:2 For indeed the Gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the ***word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith*** *in those who heard it.*

Do you see? God's Word is only of advantage to us if we pair it with faith. God's Word only works powerfully in those who believe it. Did you know that Paul complimented the Thessalonians because their faith grew so exceedingly strong? How come? Because they received and accepted the Word of God that was preached to them. They didn't accept it as the word of a man, but as God's Word and they believed it, and that's why it had an effect in their lives.

1 Thessalonians 2:13 For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you ***received*** *the Word of God which you* ***heard*** *from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God,* ***which also effectively works in you who believe.***

Revelation Knowledge.

We don't need information; we need revelation.

Ephesians 1:16 [I] do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: [17] that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the ***spirit of wisdom and revelation*** *in the* ***knowledge of Him****, [18]* ***the eyes of your understanding*** *(Greek: heart)* ***being enlightened****; that you may* ***know what is the hope of His calling****,* ***what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,*** *[19] and what is the* ***exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe,*** *according to the working of His mighty power [20] which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, [21]* ***far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that's named,*** *not only in this age but also in that which is to come. [22] And*

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He put all things under His feet, and gave ***Him to be head over all things to the church,*** *[23] which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.*

Paul prayed for:

- The Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation;
- in the knowledge of Him (to get to know God better and better);
- **that you may know what is the hope of His calling; and**
- **what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints;**
- what is the **exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe** (according to...);
- The church, His body

3. Act on the Word / Become a Doer of the Word.

If you do what the Word of God says, you will get what the Word of God says.

Matthew 7:24-28 "Therefore whoever ***hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock:*** *[25] and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. [26] "But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: [27] and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall." [28] And so it was, when Jesus had ended these sayings, that the people were astonished at His teaching…*

Conclusion.

- I'm going to accept the Word of God, as my standard.
- I'm going to receive revelation, I'm going to believe it and I'm going to have faith to see it come to pass.
- I'm going to do it.

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