

GETTING INTO THE WORD

Joshua 1:8

**When we make it our priority to focus upon, comply with
and apply God's Word, we will be blessed.**

I. THE PROPOSAL

A. CLING TO THE WORD

1. This book is special
2. This book deserves attention
 - Commit to it ... keep it ... clutch it

B. SPEAK THE WORD

1. Fill your conversations with the Word
2. Be God's spokesperson - Note Deut. 6:6-7

C. PONDER THE WORD

1. Food for thought
 - a. Rehearse ... review ... remember ... ruminate.
 - b. Literally: Talk to yourself about God's Word (See Psalm 1:1-2 and 63:6)
2. Challenge faulty thinking
 - a. We often talk ourselves out of doing things
 - b. We suffer from the "yeah but, what if" syndrome
 - c. We let fear, uncertainty, obstacles or past defeats dissuade us and infect our thinking

II. THE PURPOSE

A. OBEDIENT ACTION

1. Devotion
 - A desire and decision to comply (See James 1:22)
2. Discipline
 - a. Doing this because God says so
 - b. Undistracted by other options (see v. 7)

B. ATTENTIVE APPLICATION

1. Be Careful
 - a. It's easy to become careless with God's Word
 - b. It's easy to become carefree about God's Word
2. Be Asking .. What does this mean for me?

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III. THE PRIZE

A. AN ENJOYABLE JOURNEY

1. Your way (path) will end well
2. You will discover intense pleasure by following God's precepts.
3. Examples for Joshua - See 1:16-18, 3:14-17 and 5:1

B. INSIGHTFUL DISCERNMENT

1. "You will have success" is more accurately translated "you will have insight"
2. Because you are in the Word and obeying it's instructions, you become a person of wisdom - See Proverbs 2:1-5

C. AN EMPHATIC POINT

- The reality is that this promise is based upon one's performance in observing and obeying God's Word.

CONCLUSION:

There is a spiritual famine in our churches that are filled with Christians who do not read or heed God's Word.

We therefore have a multitude of myth-loving Christians!

For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but *wanting* to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths. - II Tim. 4:3-4

What about you?

- Are you getting into God's Word on a regular basis?
- Do you comply with the Bible's instructions?
- Are you thriving with joy and insight from the Scriptures?