
❖SERMON NOTES ❖

Sunday, January 13, 2019

“WHAT THE BIBLE DOES”

(Nehemiah 8:1-12)

The Bible is the *word of God*. It is powerful, insightful, and life-changing in its impact. Today we focus our attentions on this precious communication to us from God.

1. The _____ of the word of God (2 Timothy 3:15-17)

2. How do we take hold of the word of God?

TAKE IT IN _____

_____ **ON IT**

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SEEK HELP _____

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3. What are the blessings of God’s word?

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1. The importance of the word of God (2 Timothy 3:15-17)

“You know that from infancy you have known the sacred Scriptures, which are able to give you wisdom for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work” (2 Timothy 3:15-17, CSB).

“If you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 One believes with the heart, resulting in righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, resulting in salvation...So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the message about Christ” (Romans 10:9-10, 17, CSB).

“The revelation of your words brings light and gives understanding to the inexperienced” (Psalm 119:130, CSB).

“For whatever was written in the past was written for our instruction, so that we may have hope through endurance and through the encouragement from the Scriptures” (Romans 15:4, CSB).

“Man must not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God” (Matthew 4:4, CSB).

2. How do we take hold of the word of God?

TAKE IT IN CHUNKS

PRAY AND MEDITATE ON IT

“I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways” (Psalm 119:15, CSB).

STUDY IT

“Be diligent to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who doesn’t need to be ashamed, correctly teaching the word of truth” (2 Timothy 2:15, CSB).

“They received the word with eagerness and examined the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so” (Acts 17:11, CSB).

SEEK HELP FROM OTHERS

“Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. If anyone thinks he knows anything, he does not yet know it as he ought to know it” (1 Corinthians 8:1-2, CSB).

SEEK HELP FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT

“For the word of God is living and effective” (Hebrews 4:12, CSB).

“But the person without the Spirit does not receive what comes from God’s Spirit, because it is foolishness to him; he is not able to understand it since it is evaluated spiritually” (1 Corinthians 2:14, CSB).

3. What are the blessings of God’s word?

God Consciousness

Self-Awareness

Knowledge of God’s Plan

“Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven” (Matthew 6:10, CSB).

Personal Transformation

Gospel Worldview

Street-Level Guidance

“A Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light on my path” (Psalm 119:105, CSB).

Commitment to Ministry