THE TREASURE OF GOD'S WORD

TRUE RICHES: discovering the treasures of living in Christ (part 4)

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8 IMAGES THE BIBLE USES TO DESCRIBE GOD'S WORD

FOOD

When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart's delight... (Jeremiah 15:16)

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.' (Matthew 4:4)

God's Word is ESSENTIAL

Our response: "EAT" IT

RAIN

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. (Isaiah 55:11-12)

God's Word is INTENTIONAL

Our response: CHOOSE IT

MIRROR

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 1:23-25)

God's Word is INSIGHTFUL

Our response: LEARN FROM IT

SEED

For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through
the living and enduring word of God.(1 Peter 1:23; See also Mark 4:1-20)

God's Word is SEASONAL

Our response: WAIT FOR IT

LAMP

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

God's Word is DIRECTIONAL

Our response: FOLLOW IT

(Psalm 119:105)

SWORD

For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. (Hebrews 4:12)

God's Word is JUDGMENTAL

Our response: RECEIVE IT

FIRE & HAMMER

Therefore this is what the LORD God Almighty says: "Because the people have spoken these words, I will make my words in your mouth a fire and these people the wood it consumes. (Jeremiah 5:14)

Is not my word like fire, declares the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces? (Jeremiah 23:29)

God's Word is CORRECTIONAL

Our response: SUBMIT TO IT

SWORD

Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. (Ephesians 6:17)

God's Word is PROVISIONAL

Our response: TRUST IT

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