

REFLECTIONS FROM REVELATION: Episode 2: The Power of Scripture | Rev 1:3 (Glen Shaffer)

“God wants to communicate with you through his word, the Bible, and by His Spirit. When you read the Bible, God reveals his will to you.”

“As you read the Bible, you will find references to the Bible as God’s word, scriptures, and promises. The Old Testament is often called God’s law, precepts, statutes, decrees, and commands. The New Testament contains the Gospels and letters written by various apostles and church leaders to the churches and individual workers. The Bible is a sum of 66 books with 39 in the Old Testament and 27 in the New Testament. Approximately 40 authors, moved upon by the Holy Spirit wrote it over a period of 1600 years.”

Rev 1:3 Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.

This is the power of God’s Word...that it has an amazing result in our lives.

*“The Bible is perfect (**Psalm 19:7-9**) and flawless (**Psalm 18:30**) because God is the original author. You can count on every word, from Genesis 1:1, all the way through the entire Bible to Revelation 22:21, as being infallible. All scripture is God breathed. That means it came directly from God, and that it is divinely inspired.”*

2 Tim 3:16-17 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

1. Teaching- teaches us what to do and makes us wise for salvation, **2 Tim 3:14-15**

“The Bible should be our foundation for all teaching. It tells us what God thinks and how we should live. It has answers to all areas of life.”

- We can look to God’s Word for truth and to understand His Will

2. Reproof, Tells us what we are doing wrong. **Heb. 4:12**

“Sometimes when reading or hearing the Scriptures, God will reveal to you when your actions, thoughts, or attitudes are not right. Without this standard, we will determine what we think is correct. We cannot let our feelings be our standard. If something feels right, that does not mean it is all right with God if his word says differently.”

- His word searches, corrects and reproves us, **1 John 4:1**

3. Correction, Brings change and transforms us, **Rom 12:2, James 1:21**

“God’s Word does not just point out to us what we are doing wrong or right and then leave us. It also has the power of God to bring about change in our lives. It gives us the way out. It has the power to change us. When we meditate or think upon God’s word, we are transformed by the power of His word.”

4. Training in righteousness

*“When we are trained to live righteously, we live differently than we did in our old ways. The word of God is a key for your spiritual growth and victories. That is why the Bible says, “I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you”. **Psalm 119:11**”*

Study, Read and Apply God’s Word “...blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it”

Crave His Word to grow in our salvation,**1 Pet 2:2-3**

*“God honors his word and exalts it very highly, equal to his name (**Psalm 138:2**). It is God’s message to Man. God created the entire universe and all that it contains by simply speaking his Word (**Gen 1**). Each time that God spoke, ‘let there be...’, something new was brought forth. Even today all things are held together by the “power of His Word (**Hebrews 1:3**)”*

Eight Reasons to Apply God’s Word in Your Life

1. Commanded to Apply God’s Word, **2 Tim 2:15**
2. God’s word works in you, **1 Thess 2:13**
3. Causes us to grow, **1 Pet 2:2**
4. Cleanses us, **John 15:3**
5. Gives us guidance, **Psalm 119:105**
6. Your life is more prosperous and fruitful, **Psalm 1:1-3**
7. It gives you victory over sin, **Psalm 119:9-11**
8. A weapon against the devil, **Eph 6:17**

Become a student of God's Word

- Have faith in the power of His Word in your life
- Trust by faith that studying the bible is helping you grow
- Take the time to read and study God's word for yourself.

Glenn says as you READ THE BIBLE:

- Read it Prayerfully
- Read it Daily
- Read it in context
- Read it for yourself

"Spiritual growth takes time, but it is not determined by chronological age or intelligence. Every Christian begins as a child and has to mature in the Word of God to grow into a full responsible son or daughter of God."

Joshua 1:8 says Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.

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