



IMPORTANCE OF GOD'S WORD TO MY LIFE

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What does the Bible say is the distinction between he who builds his house on the rock and he who builds his house on the sand?

- **Read Matthew 7:24-29:** to understand the difference between the Wise and the Foolish Builder. It may surprise you!

God's promises are eternal and His word applies to us as much as it did the people who lived when it was written. You are exposed to many different voices in your life. Different life philosophies abound and are prevalent in the media, literature (secular and Christian) and elsewhere. Scripture is the method that God has chosen to reveal His will to us.

Consider the following passages and what they say about God's Word and the relevance of the Bible to your life.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

Psalms 119:89 "Your Word, O LORD, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens."

Isaiah 40:8 "The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God stands forever."

John 8:31-32 "To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, 'If you hold to my teaching, ("abide in my word") you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

John 17:17 "Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth."

Acts 20:32 "Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified."

Acts 17:11 "Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true."

Jeremiah 15:16 "When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart's delight, for I bear your name, O LORD God Almighty."

1 Peter 2:2 "Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation."



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

Jeremiah 23:28-29 "...He who has my word, let him speak my word faithfully...Is not my word like fire," declares the LORD, "and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?"

Psalms 119:105 "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path."

2 Peter 1:19 "And we have the word of the prophets made more certain, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts."

Given the above passages, how significant is God's word in the way you live your life? What do you need to change?

Consider the following ways that the author of Psalm 119 describes God's word as ministering to him. Read the entire Psalm for other ways mentioned. Highlight or underline the passages that are particularly pertinent to you at this time.

Ps. 119:24 "Your statutes are my delight; they are my counselors."

Ps. 119:28 "My soul is weary with sorrow; strengthen me according to your word."

Ps. 119:35 "Direct me in the path of your commands, for there I find delight."

Ps 119:45 "I will walk about in freedom, for I have sought out your precepts."

Ps. 119:50 "My comfort in my suffering is this: Your promise preserves my life."

Ps. 119:73 "Your hands made me and formed me; give me understanding to learn your commands."

Ps. 119:92 "If your law had not been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction."

Ps. 119:93 "I will never forget your precepts, for by them you have preserved my life."

Ps. 119:138 "The statutes you have laid down are righteous; they are fully trustworthy."

Ps. 119:139 "My zeal wears me out, for my enemies ignore your words."

Ps. 119:140 "Your promises have been thoroughly tested, and your servant loves them."