

A Life Made “Able” By the Word of God.

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Introduction:

When Paul wrote to Timothy, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, he wrote...
*“And from a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures, which are **able** to make thee wise unto Salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.”*

What was **able** to make him wise unto Salvation? It was the Holy Scriptures.

I have in my hand the awesome, holy, inspired Word of God that is *forever settled in heaven, that will not pass away.*

1. God’s Word... says this about itself:

“For the Word of God is quick and powerful... sharper than any two edged sword... “
Heb. 4:12

Jesus said... “Search the Scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life... and they are they which testify of me.” Jh 5:39

Jesus also said.. “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.” Matt. 4:4

In Isaiah 55:11 we read, *“So shall my word be that goeth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I send it.”*

2. The Omnipotent God has given us His Word that possesses ability. It can’t be stopped, it penetrates all curtains, leaps all barriers, carries in itself a life-giving power that changes lives. God is able to meet our every need. This word, **able**, is used over 100 times in the New Testament. It is able denotes power in action.

3. Able As Found In the Word of God.....

Acts 20:32 *“And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the Word of his grace, which is **able** to build you up and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.”*

Rom. 4:20-21 *“He staggered not at the promises of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; and being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was **able** also to perform.”*

II Cor. 9:8 *“And God is **able** to make all grace abound toward you; that ye always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work.”*

Eph. 3:20 *“Now unto him that is **able** to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.”*

Phil. 3:21 *“Who shall change our vile body, that is may fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is **able** to even subdue all things unto himself.”*

II Tim. 1:12 b *“..... for I know whom I have believed, and I am persuaded that he is **able** to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.”*

Heb. 7:25 *“Wherefore he is **able** also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.”*

James 1:21 *“Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted Word, which is **able** to save your souls.”*

Jude 24, 25 "Now unto Him that is **able** to keep you from falling and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever." amen!

Yes, indeed God's Word is ABLE...

I. IT IS ABLE TO DELIVER LIFE: (I Pet. 1:23; Rom. 10:17 Jh 6:63; Heb. 4:12)

For it is quick and powerful., literally it is live giving. Here is man's basic problem... He is alive to everything but the Word of God.. alive to everything But God. Man is very much alive... to his own thing, his self-will, his selfish desires, he worships self but not alive to God. If there is every to be a miracle wrought of significance it must be the miracle of God-giving life that is delivered by the Word. Rom. 10:17; I Pet. 1:23

A. In the Book of Acts... what did the apostles, the disciples share? What was their testimony? They shared the message of Christ's death and resurrection. They shared the testimony of truth... God's truth -- Acts 2:37; (sermon 2:16-17).They shared truth (Acts 8) about the Lord Jesus to the Ethiopian as found in Isaiah chapter 53.

Individuals were transformed In I Thess. 2:13 we read:

"For this cause also thank we God without ceasing because when ye received the Word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth the Word of God, which effectually worketh also in ye that believe."

Cities were transformed. (Acts 5:28) *"Did not we straitly command you that he should not teach in this name, and, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine..."*

B. The message was a life giving message. For the very Word of God when believed brings life. (James 1:18; James 1;21)

II. IT IS ABLE TO DEVELOP LIFE: (Heb. 2:1; Acts. 20:32; Acts 26:13-20; I Pet. 2:2)

One of the great evidences of life is appetite. We had two of our great grandchildren with us for 24 hours. We desired they would love to eat. If they don't eat we get concerned about them. We would rather hear the cry of the hungry child than to have a sick child that will not eat.

It is God's will that we eat His Word. (See Jeremiah 15:16.) The Word of God is to become milk and meat to every saved person. (I Pet. 2:2; Heb. 5:11-14)

A. It is Spiritual food to develop life.

As it is spiritual food it brings growth and maturity that we might become a strong Christian. (II Pet. 1:3-8) It is spiritual food to strengthen and to bring understanding and wisdom.

B. It is Spiritual truth to bring about understanding about our inheritance.

(II Pet. 1:3-8; I Pet. 2:2; Acts. 20:32)

C. It is Spiritual food to bring success. (Joshua 1:8,9; Psa. 1:1-3)

III. IT IS ABLE TO DETERGE LIFE: (John 15:3; 17:17)

We must live in a rugged, sinful, corrupt world, and we must daily face the effects of this sin-infested world. It is utterly impossible to live in this sinful, sin-laden world without having some of its dirt and soil rub off on us.

A. We must daily feed upon the Word of God.

It is the Word that helps us keep clean. Clean of heart, mind, life, practice, and

thought, etc. We often buy detergent to use on wash day. Maybe we go to a laundromat to walk out clothes as we desire to be clean.

When our Lord thought of His own, as they moved along life's pathways, over its rugged terrain, down its dusty roads... His concern was that they would stay clean. In John 13 we read of His washing their feet. This was a picture of our need of daily cleansing on the pathway of life. We must confess sin, repent of it, and then find in the Word the direction and effect as we apply it.

B. He sanctifies Us through His truth. (Jh 17:17; John 15:3)

In Ephesians 5:26 we read: "*That He might sanctify, and cleanse it with the washing of the water of the Word.*"

The Psalmist was burdened about this need in his day as he asked the question as found in Psalm 119:9 and answered in verse 11.

There is dirt about us, the filth of the world as every area of life is invaded by the wickedness of the world unless we determine to not allow it.

IV. IT IS ABLE TO DIRECT LIFE: (Psa. 73:24; Psa. 119:105; 119:130; 133; Psa. 37:23; 32:8)

What a blessing, what a treasure to know that Word of God for it can become our chart, our compass, or shield. *Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel.*" This Word will direct our lives over the uncharted seas of life, through the storms of life. He has given us His word to direct us and guide us, etc. Read Psalm 119, it will bring great insight.

A. Man cannot direct his way -- (Jer. 10:23)

B. We are disciples... IF -- (Jh. 8:31)

C. We can have our steps ordered of the Lord.

(Psa. 37:4-5; 37:31; 119:113; Isa. 30:15, 21)

V. IT IS ABLE TO DEFEND LIFE: In Matthew chapter 4 Christ answered Satan with the Scriptures. His answers were...Thus saith the Lord.

A. Satan's attack is that we might reject God's Word.

From the beginning of time Satan has labored to move people away from the Words of God. He desires that we reject God's Word. It was to Eve Satan said, "*Hath God said...??*" Read Genesis chapter three and note the Satan's efforts. He would labor to get us to deny God's Word, to ignore it... to disobey it... openly, willingly, deliberately as Eve did.

B. Christ met Satan head on -- (Matt 4)

Christ used the Scripture to answer Satan in all three temptations he put before Jesus. Every answer were verses from the Old testament. *It is written, it is written.*

Indeed God's Word is quick and powerful and able to bring victory to the saint of God. It is life giving as there is life in the seeds we plant in the garden. God has vested life-giving power in His written Word that He has magnified above His name.

Heb. 4:12

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