

“EXPERIENCING GOD’S WORD”

Life is a constant change.

We are inundated with so many changes in life.

Effects of technology and social media have influenced and expedited this process of change and have adverse effect in the family and society.

The **family** is the most basic unit of society. And when a family upholds good moral values and standards, the effect is a strong society, a strong nation.

Families provide a setting for personal growth. And yet with all the changes, the things we see and hear these days are direct attack to families.

Nowadays, the Bible is being prohibited to be read in schools and yet it is being encouraged to be read in prisons. If it is allowed to be read in schools, kids will never go to prison.

Corrie Ten Boom once said, *“If you look at the world, you’ll be distressed. If you look within, you will be depressed. But if you look at Christ, you will be at rest.”*

We need to pray for wisdom, not just wisdom but godly wisdom.

Read *James 3:13-17*.

How we can live a godly life in an ungodly world is no simple assignment for us as believers.

People who stood the test of time did not merely react on their situations; they based their decisions on timeless truths and principles. They remained effective and relevant because they were able to wisely handle the current and prevailing issues on timeless truths.

The Bible encourages us to be principle-centered or biblical-centered people.

In this changing world there is only one that remains unchanging - **God's Word**.

God's Word has detailed instructions for His people to deal successfully with the practical affairs of our everyday life: how to relate to God, parents, children, neighbours and government.

Text: Proverbs 4: 20-27 and John 14:6.

To experience God's Word, we need to consider these 3 Gs...

A. It is our GUIDE. Jesus said, “*I am the way..*”
God’s Word helps us stay on the right path.

The Bible is a “**guide**” that provides information on a how to do things. It advises us and influences us on the way we should live our lives.

Read Psalm 1:3: Isaiah 30:21; Isaiah 58:11; Luke 1:79

Proverbs 22:6 – *Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.*

Proverbs 25:9 - *He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them His way.*

The Bible is a compass, pointing you in the right direction.

John 16:13 – *But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth...*

Its job is to guide us into all truth always.

B. It is our GUARD. Jesus said, “... *I am the truth...*”

God’s Word is the basis of all truth.

Truth guards us from all lies and deceptions.

Proverbs 4:23 – *Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.*

How do we guard our heart?

Psalm 119:11 – Your word have I hid in my Heart, that I might not sin against you.

Proverbs 30:5 – Every word of God is pure; He is a shield to those who take refuge in him.

God's Word is pure and when we allow it in our hearts, it purifies, removes impurities and shields us from any schemes and attacks of the enemy.

God's Word guards us from the negativity and attack of all the enemy.

It is the Word of God that is the sword of the Spirit. A sword is not a defensive weapon but an offensive weapon.

Ephesians 6: 17 – ...Take the sword of the Spirit which is the word of God, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

Jesus used God's Word to defeat Satan.

Read Matthew 4:1-11.

An entire sea of water cannot sink a ship unless it gets inside the ship. Similarly, the negativity of the world cannot put you down not unless you allow it to get inside you.

The Word of God will guard you for that not to happen.

C. It is our GAUGE. Jesus also said, “*I am life...*”

God's Word enables us to evaluate where we are in life.

Psalm 119:9 – *How can a young person stay on the path of purity?*

By living according to your word.

Read 1 Peter 2:2 and Hebrews 5:14

It is something that we use to predict what will happen in the future.

God's Word evaluates where we are in life. It gives detailed information about our exact position or location in life.

Ex. GPS – Global Positioning System

It uses signals from satellites to find out the position and location of the person or the object. Like Google Map, it gives you all the details and it guides you step by step from where you are to where you want to be.

God's Word is like GPS, it teaches us how to live the Christian life better because failing to live without it may cause a lot of detours and prolongs our travel.

D. It is our GOAL. Jesus also said, *No one comes to the Father except through me.*

Read Joshua 1:8

God's word is our goal post. It tells us if we are kicking some goals or missing some goals.

In the world of sport, goals determine who wins and who loses.

God's word is exactly like that.

Recap...

- God's Word is foundational in our daily walk.
- God's Word is our guide – it guides us into all truth.
- God's Word is our guard – it protects us from all the works of the enemy.
- God's Word is our gauge – it helps us to know our exact position and location in life.
- God's word is our goal – it allows us to get to the very presence of the Father – which is our main destination and goal in life.

Christianity is not the accumulation of knowledge but the application of knowledge. Every believer ought to apply God's Word by putting the truths he or she discovers in the form of principles that can guide, guard and gauge his or her own life.