

Believing God Means Believing His Word... So, Force Your Mind to Submit to God's Word

You better believe the Word more than you believe anything else. God and His Word are inseparable. They've never failed to heal one person. God's not a liar (Hebrews 6:18), and the Bible is not just some religious book.

The Word of God is God's eternal Word. It's the only thing that is Pure Truth in this World. And what the Word of God says is God talking to you, especially in your New Covenant. **All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness :**
2 Timothy 3:16

It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life. John 6:63

Until you make the quality decision that you're going to base your whole life on God's Word, you'll always have a struggle receiving from God.

Intellectual Pride messes up Your Mind

Some people have read so many different kinds of books that they've messed up their thinking and their mind through studying the world's philosophies. They've totaled their mind worse than someone who abused their mind with drugs or alcohol. Many people have taken their God-given minds and polluted them with intellectualism to the point that they can't believe something unless they understand it. **Your intellectual mind will take you to hell if you continue to let it dominate you.**

I had a friend in high school who smoked so much marijuana that he burned out his brain. I thought, "*What a waste!*" But I've seen worse than that. I know people personally, today, who have read so many worldly articles in newspapers and periodicals that they literally cannot believe the Word of God.

These people worship intellectualism. If they can't logically wrap their brain around it, they don't believe it. If you're not on their intellectual level, they have the air about them, '*intelligent is me, and ignorant is you*'. They think that they're society's elite. Do you know anybody like that? Sure you do.

But Proverbs 14:12 says, **There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.** The Lord instructs us how to preserve our lives in Proverbs 3:5,6: **Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.**

No matter how intelligent you are, you can't stop the devil from putting Alzheimer's on you – or mental depression... **but God's Word can, and faith in the Name of Jesus, and the power of the Holy Spirit!** Standing on your New Covenant will guarantee you that you will never be overcome by any mental or physical disease.

Don't ever think you're too smart for the Bible. Don't ever think that by studying the philosophies of the world, you're well educated. Many tender-hearted people left for college with a heart after God, and graduated atheist or agnostic. Be careful what you do with your brain, because there's nothing that can mess you up more than what you feed your head.

Don't mess up your mind. Renew it with God's Word. Talk to your mind. Tell it: **"We only believe the Word of God"**. You make your mind submit to God's Word. It will rebel, it will try to recoil, but you keep telling it: **"Think in line with the Word"**. Tell your mind it's renewed to the Word of God. Make your mind think in line with the Word of God and force it to think about the Word. Force it to meditate on the Word, and don't allow it to continually have its way. Cast down anything that comes inside your mind that is contrary to God's Word.

(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; 2 Corinthians 10:4,5

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. Romans 12:1,2

Your biggest battle is going to be with your mind. You'll have to discipline it. **But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.**

1 Corinthians 2:14-16

You intellectual people may think you're smart, but you're no match for God. He made you, you didn't make Him. You want to be like the person Jesus described in Matthew 7:24,25: **Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.**

Instead, what we've got in the church is people who have not disciplined themselves in God's Word! Jesus went on to say what happened to the other man in Matthew 7:26,27: **And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.**

You Do Your Own Faith Work

Too many people are trying to get their healing from everyone else praying for them, but you can't get other people's prayers to override your laziness, lack of enthusiasm and slothfulness with God's Word.

People want to talk any way they want to talk, from complaining about how bad they feel, to how sick they've been, to what runs in their family. They love talking about the "*generational curse*" and such, and when those very same people get attacked with something terminal, they want the rest of us to pray them out of it!

Our prayers for the saints can be very productive. God knows we need to be praying for one another. But all the prayers in the world cannot override the time you wasted and didn't put in the Word. If you neglect the Word, you'll fall to Satan's attack every time.

Neglected opportunity brings regret! God did not raise up attending church services to take the place of your personal time in God's Word. He said, **My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.** Proverbs 4:20-22

Many dear believers wonder why someone didn't receive their healing, or why they didn't get their miracle. They end up adopting the idea and belief that it just wasn't God's will. There's no sense blaming God that someone didn't get healed. Blame Satan! He's the one that brought the disease. And if you don't resist the devil in Jesus' Name by speaking the Word of God, the devil will make your life miserable.

Not spending time in God's Word will cause you to spend your life wondering why you can't get God to move in your life. People are going after God for these things when they should be going after Satan! Jesus said in Matthew 11:12, **And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.**

Or else how can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? and then he will spoil his house.

When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished.

Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation.

Matthew 12:29, 43-45

Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Luke 10:19

If you just go to church once, or even two or three times a week, it's not enough to be any kind of threat to Satan. You'll never become strong spiritually by just attending church. Then, one day, you'll wonder why you're not getting healed.

The Answer to all Your Problems is This:

- **You've got to be in the Word every day.**
- You've got to listen to faith building tapes every day.
- You start the day out with the **Word**,
- You listen to the **Word** during the day,
 - and the last thing you want to hear before you go to sleep is **God's Word**.

Now, this something you need to know. This is very important: You're never going to want a terminal disease. Too many people wait until they get sick and *then* they become interested in listening to a faith tape. But if you've got a lot of pain and discomfort in your body, the devil will work on your mind day and night and do all he can to get you to quit and give up.

An Example of Resisting the Devil with the Word of God

I went and visited a lady in the hospital. Several of her Christian friends were in the room with her. She had a tumor, which was removed through surgery. Everybody seemed to think she was going to be just fine. As I was saying goodbye to her, I knew in my heart that when we all walk out of her room, the devil is going to come in with oppression, depression, doubt, fear and worry.

I asked her if she had a tape player and any faith tapes in her hospital room. She said no, so I told her I was going to go buy a tape player and bring it back to her that night. I wanted her to have something to listen to when we all left.

After I said that, her friend spoke up and said, *"She's just fine. She doesn't need that. We've all been praying"*.

Well, they may all have been praying, but they had little or no experience with the devil. I told them I was going to get the tape player anyway, and I did.

When I got back to the hospital room, the lady's friends had left, and I gave her some teaching tapes on divine healing. I told her I wanted her to listen to them, and if she woke up in the middle of the night, to listen again and again.

You must realize most of the Christians you know are absolutely clueless when it comes to dealing with the devil. They may have a good talk, but have no experience.

Later on, the lady thanked me. She said, *"Brother Rich, thanks for bringing the tapes. I had a couple of bad nights, and they helped get me through them. I don't know what I'd have done if you hadn't dropped off that tape player and those tapes. You knew something the rest of them didn't know"*.

Jesus taught us that Satan comes back, but with the Name of Jesus, and authority in God's Word, we can win every time.

So don't get caught napping! Stir yourself up in the Word. The next time you hear someone talking about the bird flu, or how expensive gasoline is, answer back with what the Word says.

Remember; you've got a covenant. Use it.

I look forward to sharing more with you tomorrow. Remember that God wishes above all things that you prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers (3 John 2).

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