

# THE HOLY WORD

## The Needful Thing

- I. Is66-Your level of respect for the Word is playing a key role in the level of blessing, favor, grace & peace you walk in
- A. For the Lord to look upon you is for Him to bless you, keep you, be gracious to you and give you peace-Num6:24-26
1. Look-To look with pleasure, favor, or care
  2. *ERV-These are the people I care for; AMP-To this one I look graciously; CJB-The kind of person on whom I look with favor; NET-I show special favor; NLT-I will bless those; CEV-The people that I treasure the most; NIRV-The people I value; GW-I will pay attention; VO-I am interested in and concerned about; YLT-Unto this one I look attentively; CEB-Here is where I look*
  3. The Lord is not looking upon everyone like this or even every Christian like this
- B. To whom is God looking like this – What gets God’s attention? – Who does his face shine upon?
1. Humility, repentant and respect for His Word
    - a. Poor-Humility; Contrite-Repentant, humble; Tremble-Reverential-Respect, esteem, honor, awe
    - b. *NIRV-They have great respect for what I say; AMP-Reverentially trembles at my word; WYC-Who hath great reverence for my words; MSG-There’s something I’m looking for: a person simple and plain, reverently responsive to what I say*
  2. God is not looking at, paying attention to and caring for everyone the same
    - a. Everyone is not walking in the same level of grace, blessing, keeping peace and favor; Some experience more
    - b. If you walk in humility, are repentant and greatly respect His Word you’ll experience more than others who won’t – These are the ones to whom the Lord looks
  3. He loves everyone, gives everyone the same opportunity, but those who respect His Word are treated differently
- C. Does God treat someone who doesn’t respect His Word the same as someone who does? Is that fair?
1. Ps145:7-God is fair; 9-He’s good to all; 17-20-He is righteous/fair in all His ways, but doesn’t treat everyone the same
  2. Is66:4-They did not respond b/c the word didn’t mean much to them – He’s he going to look upon them the same?
    - a. 4-5,12-14-A person who respects His word is going to access things that others who don’t won’t
  3. As your respect for the Word comes up you’ll see His face shine brighter in more grace, blessing, keeping, sustaining
- II. How much do these Words mean to you? This more than anything in life affects the level of your prosperity
- A. Psalm 119:161-Let His revelation become your revelation – The word of God is everything to Him – *CEB-My heart honors what you’ve said; CEV-With all my heart I respect your words; AM-My heart stands in reverent awe of your words*
1. *Psalm 119:6-I have respect unto all your commandments; 14-I have rejoiced in the way of your testimonies as much as in all riches; 15-I will meditate in your precepts and have respect unto thy ways; 16-I will delight myself in your statutes; 24-Your testimonies are my delight and my counselors; 31-I have stuck unto your testimonies; 40-I have longed after your precepts; 72-The law of your mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver; 97-Oh how I love they law! It is my mediation all the day; 103-How sweet are your words unto my taste! Yea sweeter than honey to my mouth; 117-I will have respect unto your statutes continually; 127-I love your commandments above gold; yea above fine gold; 129-Your testimonies are wonderful; 131-I opened my mouth and panted for I longed for your commandments; 162-I rejoice at your word as one that finds great spoil; 167-My soul has kept your testimonies, I love them exceedingly*
- B. The value you place on the Word is the key to your prosperity – Prosperity and honor for the word are connected
1. Psalm 119:165-Is his respect for the Word going to affect what he sees in His life?
    - a. *GNV-They that love thy law, shall have great prosperity and shall have none hurt; TPT-There is such a great peace and well-being that come to the lovers of your word – Peace*-Welfare, prosperity
  2. Proverbs 13:13-He that respects the word will be rewarded (Shalam-Make prosperous)
    - a. *TLB-Succeed; MSG-Grow rich; WYC-Shall live in peace*
  3. Isaiah 66:2,12-To the ones who tremble at his word, he will extend peace (prosperity) to her like a river
    - a. *CEB-I’m extending prosperity to her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream;*
- C. Respect for the Word creates the connection and the connection produces the prosperity

1. Joshua 1:8-The prosperity and the success were the result of the connection you have with this Word and the connection to the Word was the result of His respect for the Word
2. Psalm 1:1-3-Is this how most approach the Word of God?
  - a. AMP-And on His law [His precepts and teachings] he [habitually] meditates (ponders and studies) day and night; ERV-They love the Lord's teachings and think about them day and night; MSG-Instead you thrill to God's word, you chew on scripture day and night; TPT-His pleasure and passion is remaining true to the Word; VO-It's your focus from dusk to dawn
  - b. The only way you're going to give the Word that kind of time is if you revere it
3. You can guarantee your success in life by valuing this word so much that you pour your life into it
4. Believers try to prosper/have success without giving any significant amount of time to the Word-Js1:8-THEN

**D. Being negligent where the Word is concerned will affect your life in a negative way; You won't prosper or succeed the way you could or should**

1. We live by the Word; We depend on these words for our sustenance, provision, health, and well-being-Mt4:4, Jn6:63
  - a. There's no such thing as real life, blessed, strong, prosperous, full life a part from these words
  - b. By reading these words, studying these words, meditating these words, believing these words, speaking these words, acting on these words I'm sustained and kept all my life long; I don't live by prayer, but by these words
  - c. Most live in such a way that they are disconnected for the source of their sustaining
2. Many give no thought/time to the Word; Others think about Sundays; You won't prosper/have success living like that
  - a. To so many the word is nothing more than a source of encouragement – The listen and they feel better and that's it – It's a nugget, it's an interesting thought but it's not their life
  - b. Ez33:31-32-Many come to church, listen to what the pastor says and don't give it a second thought and have no intention of doing one thing they heard – The word means nothing to them, their heart doesn't tremble at it
3. The result of this negligence is you fall short in your training, your nourishment, your prosperity and success

**E. You can say the word is important to you, but live in such a way that demonstrates it's not; Your honor for the word is seen in the time, thought, and attention you give to it-Mt15:8**

1. Study them-2Tim2:15-*Study to show yourself approved...rightly dividing the word of truth*
2. Meditate them-Js1:18-*Mediate the word day and night*
3. Say them-Js1:8-*This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth*
4. Act on them-Js1:8-*That you may observe to do according to all that is written there in*
5. Feed on them-1Tim4:6-*Nourished up in the words of faith*
6. Listen to them all the time-Pr4:20-*Attend to my words, incline your ear to my sayings, don't let them depart*
7. Believe them-Mark 11:22-*Have faith in God*

**III. Time in the Word of God is the essential thing and without it you're a lifeless, ineffective, shell of a believer going nowhere accomplishing nothing**

**A. There life is too full and they have no room for the word-Mark 4:19**

1. Choke-Crowd, strangle, to throng one so as almost to suffocate them
  - a. ERV-There lives become full of other things; AC-The worries and cares of the world [the distractions of the age with its worldly pleasures]; NLT-The message is crowded out; VO-The things of this life cluster around close and choke
2. The Word isn't producing in their lives because it can't find any room, it has no place
3. For many this word is not the priority that it should be and that brings problems into their lives that they try to get rid of without addressing the thing that brought the problems – THE WORD HAS NO PLACE

**B. Luke 10:40-One thing is needful in your life and it is your connection to these words**

1. Never choose anything over the needful thing

2. *MSG-Martha, dear Martha, you're fussing far too much and getting yourself worked up over nothing. One thing only is essential, and Mary has chosen it – it's the main course, and won't be taken from you; TPT-Mary has discovered the one thing most important by choosing to sit at my feet. She is undistracted and I won't take this privilege from her.*