

THE IMPORTANCE OF GOD'S WORD – 5

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2 TIMOTHY 3:15

Nothing is more important than salvation. Eternity is forever and where we spend it is critical. God's Word makes us wise to salvation.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:23

This verse reveals the triunity of man. The fall affected all three parts of our being.

1. Spirit – Needs born again. **JOHN 3:7, 1 PETER 1:23**
2. Soul – Needs renewed and delivered. **ROMANS 12:2, JAMES 1:21**
3. Body – Needs changed and glorified. **1 CORINTHIANS 15:51-53, 1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18**

1 PETER 2:2

Feeding on God's Word promotes spiritual growth. God did His part in regenerating our spirit, now we must do our part in disciplining our bodies and renewing our minds. **ROMANS 12:1-2** People grow at different rates – physically and spiritually.

1. A major issue in carrying out our duties involves mind renewal and mind maintenance. We must control our thought life and what we allow our minds to embrace. Failure to do so can cost us.
1 PETER 2:11 (NLT), 1 PETER 1:13 (NLT)

ISAIAH 55:8-9

God's thinking is higher than ours. Spiritual growth involves aligning our thinking with God's. If we disagree with God's viewpoint because of our culture, human speculation or theory, then we must change our opinion. **ROMANS 9:20 (NLT)**

1. **MATTHEW 5:43-45** – We can agree and grow or disagree and not. We do what it says to do and not to do.
2. **JOB 22:21 (AMPC)** – Acquaint, agree, conform and peace will come. Also, prosperity and great good.

MATTHEW 4:4

What would happen to the physical body if we stopped practicing the disciplines of eating food, drinking water and sleeping? These natural disciplines are necessary for physical growth. The same is true spiritually speaking. If we stop reading the Word, praying, attending church and sharing our faith, we weaken ourselves spiritually.

DAVID'S PERSPECTIVE – PSALMS 19:7-11

Here David shares his perspective on God's Word. **VERSE 7** offers four thoughts about its accuracy and relevance.

1. Perfect: Complete, whole and sufficient. It reveals the will of God, duty of man, what he is to believe and practice, and what is necessary for his present and eternal happiness. It can't be improved on.
2. Converting the soul: Convert means to revive, restore, and transform our thinking from error to truth. **JAMES 1:16-17** Our thinking has been influenced by the devil, world and flesh. Only the bible can transform our thinking about life and relationships.

LUKE 11:28

3. Sure: This means true beyond any doubt, able to be relied on or trusted. Our world is full of uncertainties and instabilities, but God's Word is an anchor for the soul. It's based on divine revelation and all heaven stands behind it. Remember the bow?
4. Makes us wise: Wise means alert and aware of right and wrong. By immersing ourselves in the Word the naïve, gullible person becomes wise. **JAMES 3:13-18 (NLT)**

CONCLUSION:

MATTHEW 7:24-27 We can build well built homes or sandcastles to live in. The choice is ours, and the consequences are stated. We must treat God's Word as if our lives depend on it – they do!