

# Desiring the Word of God

## 1 Peter 1:23-2:3

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### Notes for 1 Peter 1:22-2:3 – Desiring the Word of God

*The Basic Outline for this Study is as follows*

Intro – Diary of a Bible...if your Bible told a story of its history...what would it be?

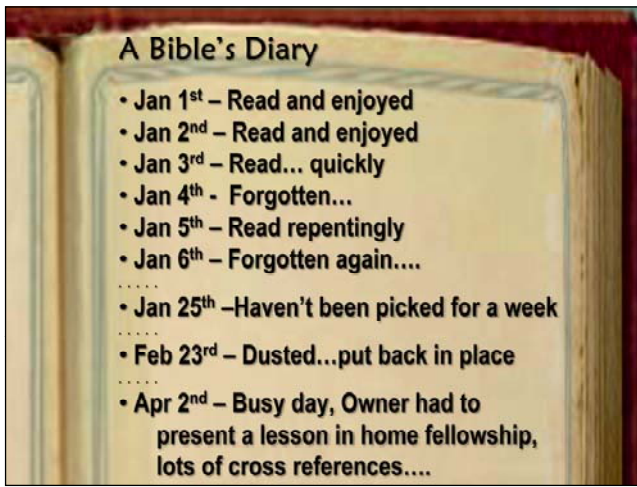
#### 1) Value of the Word of God

- **Incorruptible** – contrasted with all that is of man, pictured like grass or a flower that has a limited life and value \_\_\_\_\_
- **Living & Abiding** – not dead, or “just there” or alive and missing. God’s Word is alive, powerful, present!
- **Saving** – if you are a Christian, God’s Word has been involved.
- **Growing** – is the power of the Word of God that grows us.

#### 2) Desiring the Word of God

- **Un-Stifled desire** – Sin will keep you from this book, or this book will keep you from sin.
- **Intentionally desire** – not a feeling that is created – but a priority, a decision. To purpose that it is more valuable than a baby considers food – constant, continual input!
- **Experientially desire** – if you are a Christian, then the Word has worked in you to bring about salvation. Based on your own experience, you should be able to see the tremendous value of the Word – and chose it!

*The following pages are notes – connected to the PowerPoint Slides we show during the message. On the left top, you will see the PowerPoint Slide that is shown. On the left bottom, the verse in 1 Peter is listed. On the right, notes that follow along with the slides. This is a different way of doing sermon notes, and it might be hard to follow...but I hope not. The above outline is what we are teaching – the notes that follow is the process. May it be helpful is our prayer!*



If your Bible could tell a story of its use...I wonder what it would say....

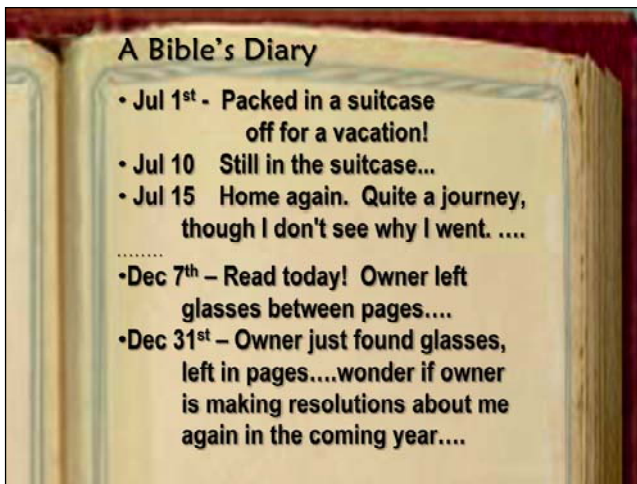
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Perhaps a little silly of a thought...but consider how vital!

If we were talking about neglecting any other book....maybe sad or silly – but consider the value of the book we are holding...the Bible.

That is how our text begins  
Read 1 Peter 1:22-25

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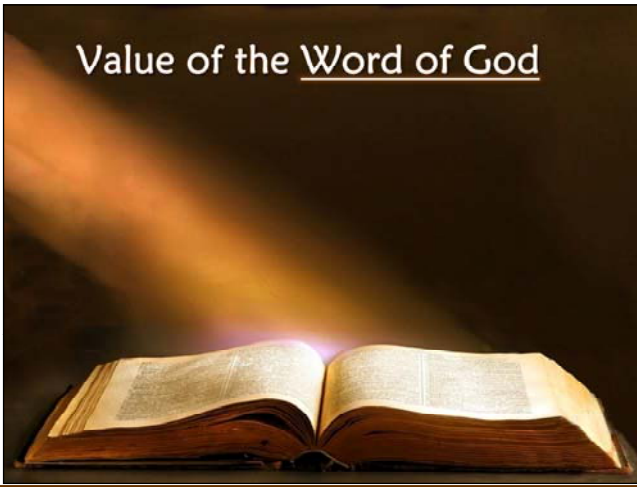
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## Value of the Word of God



First – just notice how this book is described...

The Word of God. God speaking, it is. Many who feel it is not, but they are wrong...

Yes, God used men to write it, but it was God...

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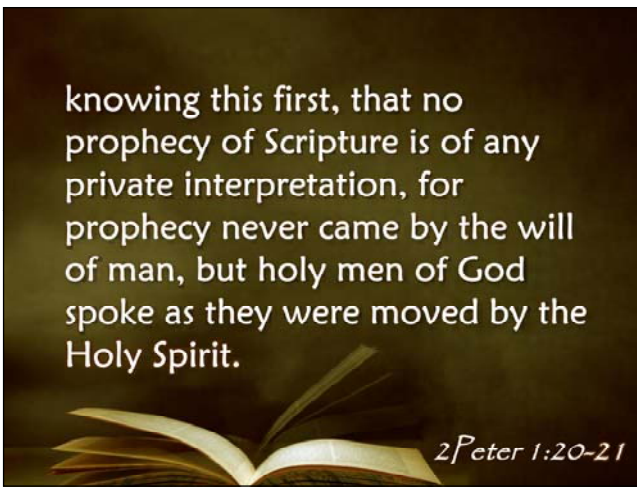
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knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.



2 Peter 1:20-21

Said clearly

But let me read it to you in the Amplified Bible.... (next slide)

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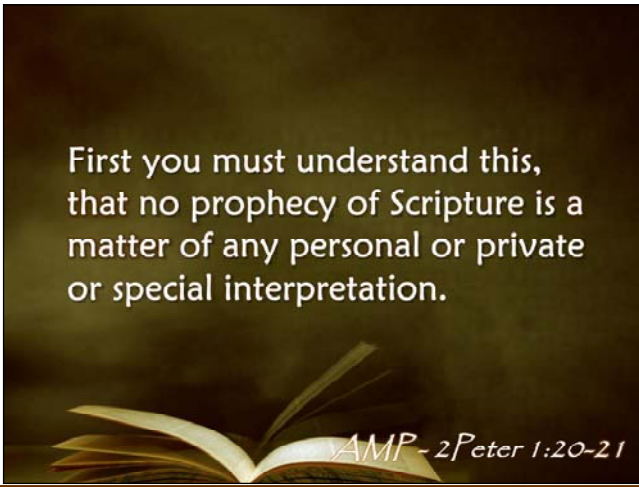
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First you must understand this, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of any personal or private or special interpretation.

The Bible means something, not different to different people

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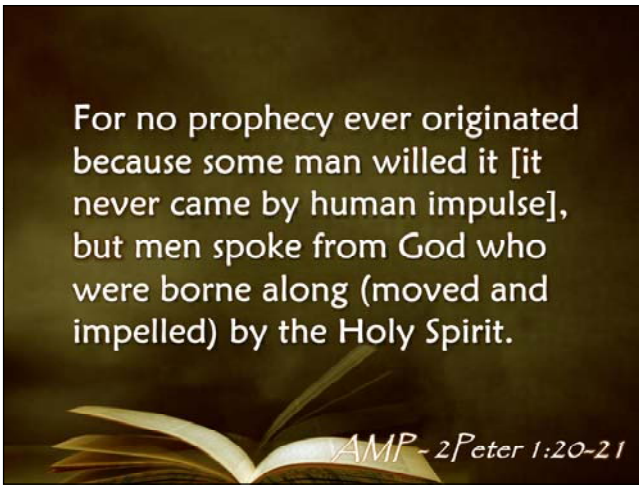
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For no prophecy ever originated because some man willed it [it never came by human impulse], but men spoke from God who were borne along (moved and impelled) by the Holy Spirit.

Men did not come up with this...God compelled them

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All Scripture is given  
by inspiration of God,  
and is profitable ...



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This whole book – from Genesis to Revelation – is give to us by God, inspired!

It is the Word of God!

### Value of the Word of God

- ↳ Incorruptible
- ↳ Living & Abiding



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God's Word is incorruptible.

Corruption means – breaks, wears out, fades... deteriorates doesn't last  
Has been a theme throughout 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.  
Notice v.4, v.18

But how to see this? God gives us a contrast. Everything of man – is like grass or a flower...doesn't last. Might be beautiful for a moment – but it will go away.

Not so the Word of God!

More – is alive. Not eternal – but dead and unmoving. Alive!

Abiding! Not alive, but don't know where it is – present with us!

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For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit...



This book is like no other – more powerful than anything can imagine!

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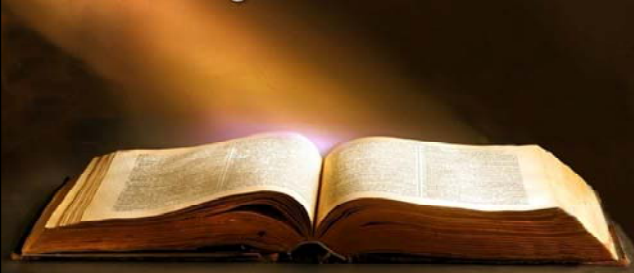
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### Value of the Word of God

- ↪ Incorruptible
- ↪ Living & Abiding
- ↪ Saving



Further – this book is saving

If you are a Christian – the Bible has been involved. Somehow, it was through this Book.

Notice. v.23 – born again by v.25 – is this book preached to us

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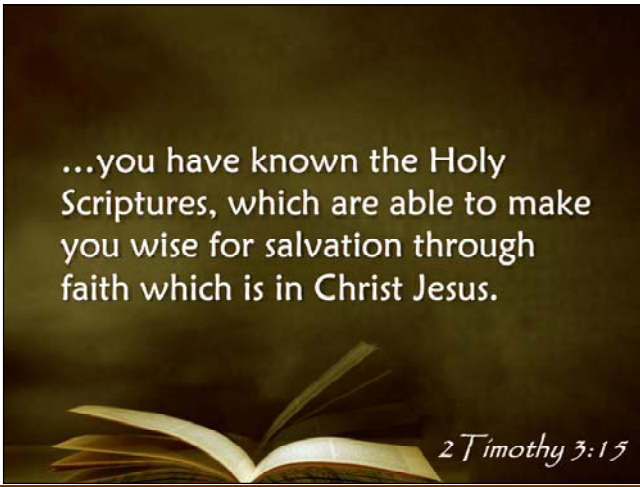
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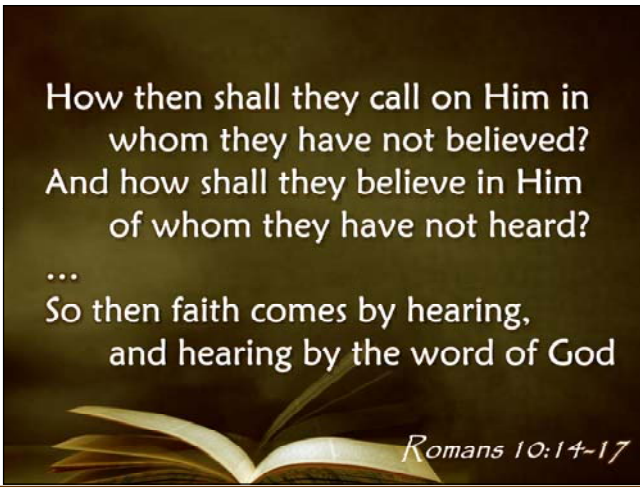
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This book and this book alone brings us to salvation

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How do people get saved? By the preaching of this book.

Do you see this, understand?

Perhaps an account from Jesus will help you...

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“Then he said, ‘I beg you... that you would send him to my father’s house, for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.’

Luke 16:27-28

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Lazurus and the rich man...dead, in the abode of the dead – Hades

This is not a parable – Jesus did not introduce it as such – but an account that Jesus brings us into

Pleaded that Lazurus could go back and tell his family, so that they would not have his torment

Wonder...how many in hades even now are saying this....

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...‘They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.’ And he said, ‘No...but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’

Luke 16:29-30

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The have the Bible...let them hear it

No...a miracle will convince them...

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If the Word won't do it, nothing will

Do you believe this?

Do you think miracles would change people?

Maybe you think we need a great Christian movie or something...

It is this book – through this book, that lives are changed.

It is this book people need

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Do you see what God is showing us...that the Bible is incredible

Lets add one more...at the end of chapter 2, verse 2. Grow by it

This book brings about salvation

This book brings about growth

Do you want to grow in Christ?

Consider the promise of 2Peter 1:3-4 as to what this book can grow you into...

Wow. None of us are there.

But wow, what potential.

First – understand, how we get there is growth...

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But the path of the just is like the shining sun, That shines ever brighter unto the perfect day.



Path of the Christian...is one of constant growth, getting better and better.

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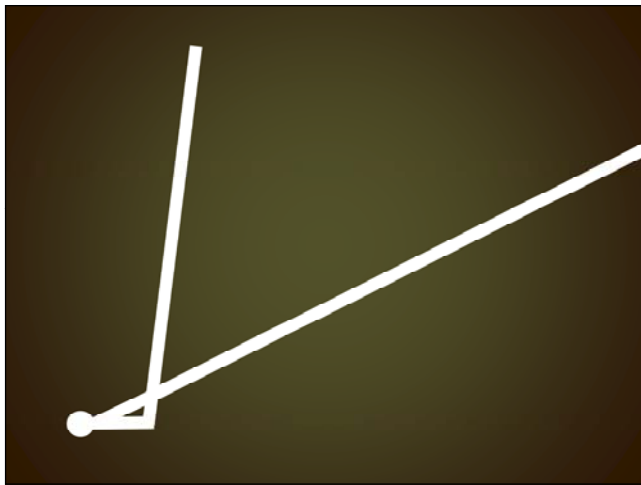
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If we were to chart it, understand this....

Not like all the sudden we just jump up to maturity, having all that God has for us. Now instant strong Christians.

The path – is constant, continual growth.

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This incredible book, is how we grow

Do you see the value of this book?

Now God applies it....

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## Value of the Word of God Desiring the Word of God

- ↳ Un-Stifled desire
  - malice: badness, wickedness
  - deceit: fraud, lying
  - hypocrisy: faking, appearances
  - envy: jealousy, covetous
  - evil speaking: slander, gossip



Because the Bible is so incredible, calls us to desire it...

First, shows us things that can and do quench the desire we ought to have for the Word.

Notice the list and quick meanings.

There is much here...but lets look at it an a very simple way...

Sin will quench your desire for the Bible....

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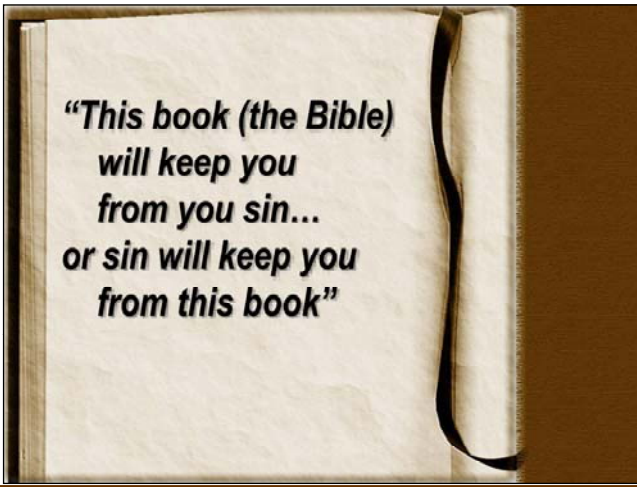
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This quote sometimes attributed to DL Moody.

He used to write this in people's Bibles as they came to him

But history records even John Bunyan had this in his Bible

Who authored it, we are not certain, but it is incredibly true!

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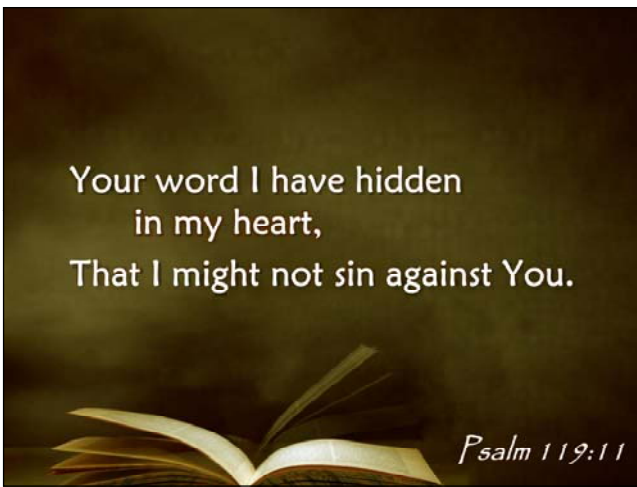
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This book will keep you from sin...

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I have restrained my feet from  
every evil way,  
That I may keep Your word.



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Or sin will keep you from this book.  
You will have to put away sin to  
keep this book...

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Sin will keep you from this book.

Now, as I say that – might be thinking of certain categories of sin, and probably true, much of the things that perhaps come to mind fall under “malice”

But interesting in this list – is most are attitudinal sins. Approaching life wrong. Lying, hypocrisy. Jealous and evil speaking of others that are growing perhaps..

The aim is to present yourself  
honestly to the Lord...

Value of the Word of God  
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- ↳ Un-Stifled desire
- ↳ Intentionally desire
  - Purpose, priority, choice
  - like a baby desires milk



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The key – main point – desire this Book.

Now, as I say that...understand it is not a feeling God is calling us to here.

Feelings, cravings cannot be commanded.

God is calling us to a purpose, a priority and choice about this book.

Uses a picture – helpful – the way a baby desires milk

- don't misunderstand because of other passages that speak of milk as being childish and not growing. Entirely different analogies.

- Here is the call to watch, understand the way a baby wants milk and want God's Word like that. How?

- constant...daily, continual, nothing else will satisfy....

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I have not departed from the commandment of His lips;  
I have treasured the words of His mouth more than my necessary food.



*Job 23:12*

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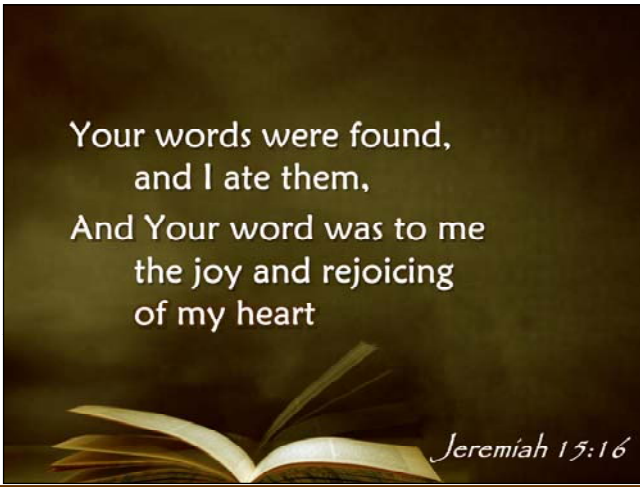
Valued God word above food

- imagine this practically  
- wonder if some might be called this this exact priority system this next year – God's word above eating...

For some...it will be God's Word before facebook, myspace, xbox, the news or more.

Treasure, value God's word, call you to such desire this year...

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Your words were found,  
and I ate them,  
And Your word was to me  
the joy and rejoicing  
of my heart

*Jeremiah 15:16*

This book... a joy

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More to be desired are they than  
gold, Yea, than much fine gold...  
Moreover by them Your servant is  
warned, And in keeping them  
there is great reward.

*Psalm 119:10-11*

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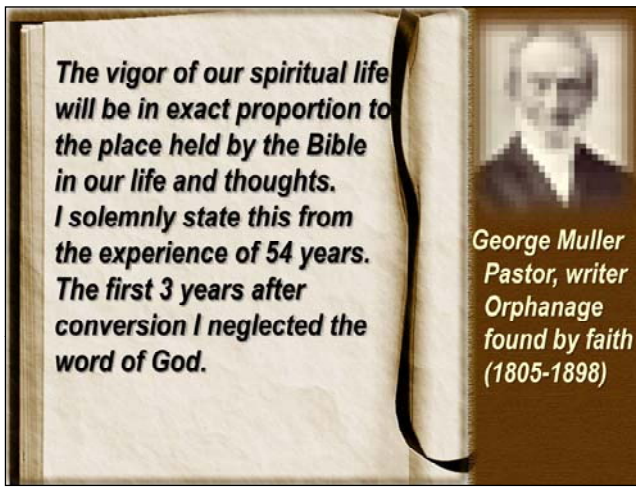
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Says it well



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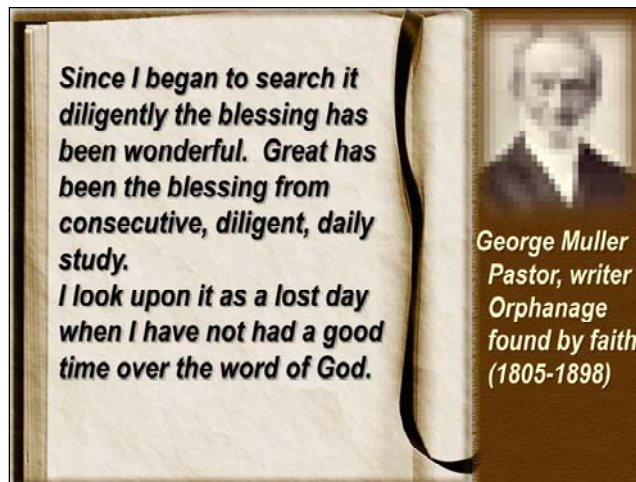
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Value of the Word of God  
Desiring the Word of God

- ↪ Un-Stifled desire
- ↪ Intentionally desire
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That is my main point today...thing I want to leave you with

I want to call you to desire this book, to set it as a priority, to want it the way a baby wants milk.

God adds one more thought – you have a basis of this in your own life. If you are a Christian, it is this book that impacted, the truth of God's Word. You have "tasted" of the wonders of this book. Your own experience should be enough to call you to this book. I take a moment to remind you of the impact this book has had in your life. I wonder what memories you have right here...

Christian – remember and value this book.

Close with a call to those who are not saved...

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Oh, taste and see that  
the LORD is good;  
Blessed is the man  
who trusts in Him!



*Psalm 34:8*

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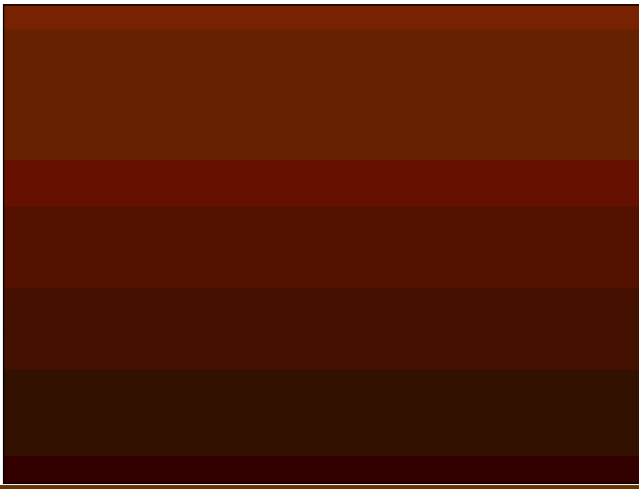
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I preach to you, not my words, but  
God's Word

I call you through this book, that is  
alive and powerful – taste – come  
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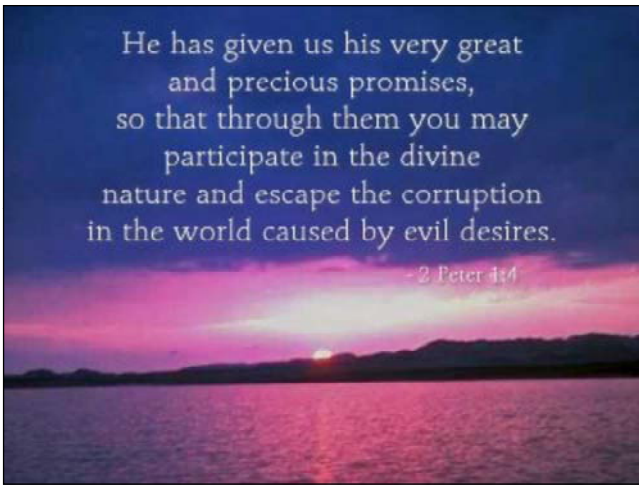
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He has given us his very great  
and precious promises,  
so that through them you may  
participate in the divine  
nature and escape the corruption  
in the world caused by evil desires.

- 2 Peter 1:4

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