

Colossians 3:16. Let The Word.

I. Dwell In You.

We are to let the *word of Christ dwell/live in us* “as a master, who has a right to prescribe to and direct all under his roof...It must dwell in us; that is, be always ready and at hand to us in every thing, and have its due influence and use.”

- We have to know; read and study.
- We have to apply: *to influence* our **thoughts, speech** and **actions**...all wisdom.

Isaiah 55:10-11 - *“For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, And do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.*

Matthew 13:1-9...wayside; and the birds came and devoured them (the wicked one steals)...“Some fell on stony places, where they did not have much earth; and they immediately sprang up because they had no depth of earth. But when the sun was up they were scorched, and because they had no root they withered away (For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles...And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up and choked them...(hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful). But others fell on good ground and yielded a crop: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty (“But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.)”

James 1:22-24 - *But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was.*

II. Teaching.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 - *All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

God has directly spoken to us and it is recorded – preserved, clear and without error. **Guide, Lamp, Weapon, Wisdom, Knowledge, Eternal, Purifies, Alive, Powerful, Fire, Hammer, Food (Bread, Honey, Meat, Milk), Sword, Water, Seed...**

III. Singing.

Singing with grace - joy, pleasure, delight, sweetness...

1 Chronicles 16:9-10 - *Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him; talk of all His wondrous works! Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those rejoice who seek the LORD!*

Psalms 98:1 - *Oh, sing to the LORD a new song! For He has done marvelous things; His right hand and His holy arm have gained Him the victory.*

Martin Luther said, "The devil takes flight at the sound of music, just as he does at the words of theology, and for this reason the prophets always combined theology and music, the teaching of truth and the chanting of Psalms and hymns." "After theology, I give the highest place and greatest honor to music." Martin Luther.

"When we worship through singing, dancing, kneeling, shouting or lifting our hands, we're mostly worshiping God with our heart (and some strength). Our emotions are stirred toward the Lord. We feel the joy of the Lord. We feel His smile toward us."

"Music is a means through which we communicate and have fellowship with God; and provides structure and language for us to express praise and adoration."

"Singing prepares our hearts for God's transformation; we are enriched and inspired – transformed. When we gather for worship, we should leave changed, with a fresh revelation of God for who He truly is...."

Psalms 100:1-4 – *"Make a joyful noise, shout to the Lord, all you lands! Serve the Lord with gladness, come before His presence with singing. Know that the Lord, He is God. It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves. We are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise."*

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