## Teaching Them Why Our Life is Only Fed by God's Word

Personal Discipleship Lesson-1:

### Have you been Personally Discipled?

### Joy of Pouring Our Lives into Others

#### 1. The Vital Connection Between Salvation & the Rest of Life

Colossians 2:6

Colossians 2:6 (NKJV) As you therefore **have received** Christ Jesus the Lord, **so walk** in Him,

#### 2. Salvation is Completely Tied to God's Word

Romans 10:13-17

Romans 10:13,17 (NKJV) For "whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." 17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God

#### 3. Salvation is God Implanting His Word Inside Us

James 1:21

James 1:21 (NKJV) Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness. and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

We hear truth from God.
We believe that truth from God.
We respond to that truth from God.
God transforms us.

### God Touches Our Life Through His Word

## 4. Salvation Starts a Life of Believing & Obeying God's Word

1 Peter 1:22-2:3

1 Peter 1:22-23 (NKJV) Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, 23 having been born again, not of corruptible seed but through the Word of God which lives and abides forever,

1 Peter 1:24-25 (NKJV) because "All flesh is as grass, And all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, And its flower falls away, 25 But the Word of the Lord endures forever." Now this is the Word which by the Gospel was preached to you.

1 Peter 2:1-3 (NKJV) Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, 2 as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the Word, that you may grow thereby, 3 if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

Salvation is regeneration by the Holy Spirit, using God's Word: (v. 22 "purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit").

Salvation is the new birth of coming alive through the power of God's Word (v. 23 "having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the Word of God").

#### Salvation is eternal because the Gospel in God's Word is eternal: (v. 25 "the word of the Lord endures forever. Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you").

## 5. The Essence of A Believer's Life is God's Word

1 Peter 2:2-3

Born again believers are only fed with God's Word: (v. 2a "as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the Word").

Born again believers can **only grow** by God's Word: (v. 2b "that you may grow thereby").

#### Born again believers can taste God's grace in God's Word: (v. 3 "if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious").

Matthew 4:4 (NKJV) But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God."

### 6. Jesus Said, "Eat God's Word to Live"

John 6:35,63

John 6:35 (NKJV) And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.

John 6:63-68 (NKJV) It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life. 68 But Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

John 8:31-32 (NKJV) v. 31 Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. 32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

[Three elements: 1). Believers are those who abide/ remain in Christ's words; 2). Believers know/experience the truth of Christ's words; 3). Believers are set free through believing/acting upon the truth of Christ's words.]

John 8:37,43-44 (NKJV) 37 "I know that you are Abraham's descendants, but you seek to kill Me, because My word has no place in you. 43 Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to My word. 44 You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.

[Three elements: 1). Christ's word remains in true believers; 2). True believers desire to hear Christ's words; 3). True believers stand on the truth of Christ's words within them.]

John 8:45-47,51 (NKJV) 45 But because I **tell the truth**, you do not believe Me. 46 Which of you convicts Me of sin? And if I **tell the truth**, why do you not believe Me? 47 **He who is of God hears God's words**; therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God." 51 Most assuredly, I say to you, **if anyone keeps My word he shall never see death**."

[Three elements: 1). Believers know Christ's words are true; 2). Believers hear/respond to Christ's words; 3). Believers are eternally saved by clinging to Christ as truth.]

How did we believe on Christ? *Through His Word*.

How did we receive Christ? Through His Word. How do we obey Christ? Through His Word. How do we follow Christ? Through His Word. How do we please Christ? Through His Word. How do we know Christ better and better? Through His Word.

## 7. God's Word Becomes the Most Vital Element of the Life of the Believer

Jeremiah 15:16

Jeremiah 15:16 (NKJV)

Your words were found, and late them, And Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart; For I am called by Your name, O Lord God of hosts.

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