# Living the Word of God from the Inside Out

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Be Faithful to the Message

A wicked messenger falleth into mischief: but a faithful ambassador is health.

Proverbs 13:17 KJV

Christians who are faithful to the message of the Kingdom of God bring healing and deliverance wherever they go.

Out of faithfulness to the message committed to them, they speak with power and authority on behalf of the One they represent.

They are sent by the Lord, not man, so they stay true to Him and to His purpose.

While this may cause them to fall out of favor with some, it doesn’t move them from their faithfulness to the One who sent them.

Therefore wherever we go, we can go knowing that we are sent there as a faithful ambassador representing and proclaiming the gospel of the Kingdom of God at our workplaces, our schools and everywhere else our feet take us.

It is our commitment to this that will cause us to bring health to every person, place and thing that crosses our path.
Application Time

Day 1: SOWING – Write out Proverbs 13:17 five times. Ask God to write the word on your heart as you write on your paper. Personalize it as you write it and make it the word God has for you today.

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Day 3: WATERING – Reread this week’s message before doing today’s application. Meditation is simply using your imagination to envision the future clearly. Take 15 minutes today to think on the words of Proverbs 13:17; imagine yourself walking in it, living it and making it a part of your everyday life.

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Day 6: INCREASING – Reread this week’s message before doing today’s application. Just as a farmer doesn’t keep all the crops he harvests, neither should you. Sow seeds in the lives of others around you; friends, coworkers, family members or enemies. Don’t be afraid; plant it, for it is incorruptible.

Day 7: THANKFULNESS – Reread this week’s message before doing today’s application. Take the time to thank God for who He is and the new revelations He’s bringing you from His word. You are not the same person you were at the beginning of the week.
The Characteristic of Vision

Where there is no vision, the people perish:
but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.
Proverbs 29:18 KJV

Those who have most powerfully and permanently influenced their generation have been “seers” – people who have seen more and further than others – persons of faith, for faith is vision.

This vision-faith involves foresight as much as it involves insight because you must have the faith see the end results of the decisions and methods you advocate long before they come to pass.

Anyone can dream about their future, but it takes vision-faith to make it happen.

In other words, eyes that “look” are common, but eyes that “see” are rare. I challenge you to be rare!

Having eyes that see with vision-faith is not a difficult task. Romans 10:17 tells us exactly how it’s done; it says, “Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God.”

You need ears to hear what God is saying so you can focus your faith on it and begin to see the future with the foresight and insight of a visionary.

Only then will you begin to see what your natural eyes cannot see.

Therefore the word of God is a key to planting and seeing the vision in your heart.

Psalm 119:11 says, “Thy word have I hid in my heart…” (KJV).

It’s time to see that word so you and those around you will not perish.
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The Bank Account of Relationships

Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.

Proverbs 27:6   KJV

Friendships are like a bank account; you have to make a deposit before you can make a withdrawal.

It is by this process you can accept the cuts of words spoken because we see they are not intended to bring us down but to help us overcome the very thing being confronted.

When spoken from a true friend we can be sure it is a word to grow by because true friends will cause the pain necessary to help bring growth so we can grow up.

Ephesians 4:15 says, “But speaking the truth in love, that you may grow up into all things, into Him who is the head – Christ.”

Most people will never go through adolescence because they don’t have these faithful relationships or the wounds that go with them.

Instead of allowing growth, they get offended when someone who has made deposits tries to make a withdrawal by speaking the truth in love.

Don’t be one of these people; don’t be one who dies of old age but never goes through adolescence.

Now is our time to grow up by allowing those close to us, true friends, to make withdrawals we can grow by.

Stay in those relationships where iron sharpens iron like a friend sharpens the countenance of another friend.

It’s time to grow in relationships.
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Love Covers

Hatred stirreth up strifes: but love covereth all sins.

Proverbs 10: 12b KJV

People have three needs that God’s love will meet when they visit our church:

1. The need to be in relationship with members who will love them into the church.
2. The need for a miracle.
3. The need to fit in.

Traditional visitation programs don’t mobilize us as members because they don’t meet these basic needs; but love will.

Love will impart a passion to be like Jesus who was moved with compassion when He saw the multitude, and out of that passion we will meet their needs.

Love will mobilize us to take the time and effort to bind the visitors to the church so they can see that they fit, causing miracles to be released in you and in their lives…which will touch the world.

Think about this: Are we covering a multitude of sin or are we stirring up strife? How do we know which one we’re doing?

The answer is simple; look at the fruit we’re producing.

The way we love produces the fruit of signs and miracles. The way we fit in produces fruit in the way we lead and will cause others to fit in the same way.

The number one killer of this covering of love is self-hate; it’s the very thing that stirs up strife.

We walk out of self-hate by allowing Love (God the Father, Jesus the Son and the Holy Spirit, our comforter) to cover us:

Love from God…

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal
life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.” (John 3:16-17, NIV)

Love from Christ…
“…neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 8:39, NIV)

And love from the Holy Spirit…
“And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.” (Romans 5:5, NIV)

Meditate on these scriptures as well as Proverbs 10:12b.
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So You Want to Be Rich?

He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand: but the hand of the diligent maketh rich.

Proverbs 10:4   KJV

Discipline is an essential quality of the Christian life.

Without this quality, all other gifts remain dwarfed and cannot grow.

Before we can conquer the world, we must first conquer ourselves by leading a disciplined life.

The person who has learned to obey discipline imposed from without, and has then taken on a more rigorous discipline from within, is the kind of believer we need to become.

Christians with no self-discipline not only become poor in spirit, but they are usually the ones who rebel and always deal with a slack hand.

Think about it. When we quit our daily disciplines that align with the word of God, something else has to replace them and it’s never something good.

Remember, you are what you do daily. Let discipline have its place in your life today.