

THE WORD IS THE WAY!

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What we see as the *way* is usually the direction we *travel*—toward the destination we *seek*. Whenever faced with a *difficult* situation; a *tough* decision; or a *battle* with the devil; we go to the *Word* to find the *Way* through. The *Word* is always the *Way* God wants us to follow to get through any trial successfully.

Seeing any situation through the viewfinder of the *Word*, is believing the Truth of the Gospel—it is accepting by faith, what God has promised in His *Word* to do for us. It is *not* what we see with our *natural* vision, but what we see with *spiritual* sight.

If we follow the *instructions* of the *Word*, we will be doing the *will* of the Father in Heaven. It is to see what our spiritual, physical, or financial situation to be—in light of what the *Word* of God says.

The prophet was asked Jeremiah 24:3 “*What seest thou, Jeremiah? And I said, Figs; the good figs, very good; and the evil, very evil, that cannot be eaten, they are so evil.*” The good figs represent the people who are willing to return to God⁷ “*With their whole heart*” in true repentance; and the evil figs represent all those who do *not* return to the Lord and will *not* repent of their sins.

If we look in the direction of the *Word*, we will be seeing from the Lord’s viewpoint—with victory and blessings in sight; but if we look in the direction of the *world*, we will see things from the devil’s perspective, with defeat and loss

the result. What we see *spiritually* will soon become a *reality*.

If we see things to be as the *Word* of God says, we will see protection, provisions, health, healing, and victory; but if we see things as Satan says, we will see defeat, disease, problems, poverty, and pain. What we *think* it to be, is really what we *believe* in our heart.

Concerning finances—if we see *victory*, we will have the money; if we see *defeat*, we will be short; if we see that Jesus already won the *victory*, we will know that Satan is already *defeated*. Our part is to James 4:7 “*Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*” What we *think* and *believe* in our heart is what we *see* and *experience* in life.

After we pray, God’s *Word* says a certain thing is *true*; but Satan says it is *not true*. If we *believe* in our heart that it *is* true, it *will* be true; but if we believe Satan’s *lie* that it is *not* true, then it will *not* be true. We are to see *thru the Word* and believe *in our heart* that God is always faithful to His *Word*.

We ask ourselves what the *Word* says, and with God’s help *believe* in our heart that His *Word* is *always* true. Proverbs 4:20 “*My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings.*” What we give our *attention* to; and what we believe to be a *fact*, makes all the difference. We are to give *no attention* to Satan’s suggestions, but give *all attention* to God’s promises in His *Word*.

We must be *ready* to hear what God’s *Word* is saying and *ready* to *accept* as true what He has promised. We are *not* to accept, *nor* believe, anything Satan suggests. Proverbs 4:20-21 “*Give attention to my words [God says]; Incline your ear to my sayings. Do not let them depart from your eyes; Keep them in the midst of your heart.*”

Satan makes it easy to let God’s *Word* slip from our mind—it’s like, we attend to the Lord’s

promises for a *little* while and then give our attention to the devil’s ideas for a *long* while. If we believe Satan’s lies are true, we will see darkness, defeat, and failure—physically, spiritually, financially, in our home, and everything else.

All too often we see through the *lies of the devil*, instead of seeing through the *truth of the Word*. If we do, we will see *disobedient* children; *lack* of supplies; *no house* to rent; *no car* to drive; *no work* in sight; and *no healing*—just defeat with everything. What we are willing to *believe* is what we will *receive*.

The Word is The Way—when those without sight needed healing. Jesus asked them Matthew 9:28 “*Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto him, Yea, Lord. 29 Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you. 30 And their eyes were opened.*” That is seeing victory through the *Words of the Lord*; and not defeat through the lies of the devil.

If we work for a boss, and he gives instructions that we are to do just what his manager *says* to do—then we must give our attention to what he *says*, and *not* listen to anyone else. God says we are to pay attention to *His Word* Proverbs 4:20 and *not* to the devil’s lies.

God’s *Word means* what it says. We are not to look *away* from the *Word* and not allow ourselves to *drift away* from His words; Proverbs 4:21 “*Do not let them depart from your eyes; Keep them in the midst of your heart; For they are life to those who find them, And health to all their flesh.*”

God’s *Word* gives spiritual *life*; physical *healing*; *peace* in the home; *deliverance* at work, *blessings* in finances; and *victory* in all things. We are to pay close attention to *this* marvelous advice, and *not* to Satan’s suggestions—because if we *listen* to his lies, the *reverse* results—we will *still* have the

oppression; our peace is gone; and we suffer *defeat* in other things.

Satan never enters *by the door but climbs over some other way* John 10:1 because he “*is a thief and a robber.*” And John 10:10 “*The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy: I have come that they may have Life, and may have it in abundance.*”

The moment we offer a *prayer*, Satan presents his *lie*—the deliverance is *not* received; there is *no* peace; the prayer will *not* be answered; and everything is just as it *was*. If we accept what he presents, we have allowed the Word to *depart*. The Word says Proverbs 4:22 “*For they are life to those who find them, And health to all their flesh.*”

The centurion saw *though the Word*. A loved one was ill, so he went to the Lord. Matthew 8:6 “*Sir, he said, “my servant at home is lying ill with paralysis and is suffering great pain.”* Jesus said 7, “*I will come and heal him.*” The Lord was willing to visit his home in person and heal the servant. The centurion replied Matthew 8:8 “*Speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed.*”

Jesus marveled at this response as the man *believed* that the *Word* spoken was the healing given. Since Jesus said it was true, the man would *believe* it was true and *act* on those words. The devil was not on vacation when the centurion spoke, so Satan would have suggested: *Do not believe it; Do not be deceived; There’s no power in just a Word; Jesus is not able to do that, etc.*

The centurion did *not* accept those lies of the devil but was seeing the excellent results through the *Word* of the Lord. He believed that Jesus’ words *meant* what they stated—there was power in His Word.

Jesus said Matthew 8:13 “*Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you*”—or; *since you are willing to accept my words in faith, then your servant is healed by the power of God.*

Jesus presented a *healed* servant; Satan pictured a *sick* servant. Every step on his way back home, the centurion would have had to *hold on to the Word* in his heart. He did *not* allow his eyes to look away from Jesus’ words. He would have repeated over and over Proverbs 4:21 “*Do not let them depart from your eyes; Keep them in the midst of your heart;*” over and over.

Since the man *believed* The Word is the Way!—he arrived home and Matthew 8:13 “*His servant was healed that same hour.*” The battle of faith is like a pendulum of a clock. God’s Word says “*Yes;*” and Satan’s lies say “*No.*” God’s Word says the victory is *won*; Satan says the battle is *lost*. God says the prayer is *answered*; the devil says the prayer is *unanswered*.

We are *not* to allow the pendulum to stop at Satan’s “*No,*” but, we are to see through the Word and stop the pendulum on “*Yes.*” He saw his servant well and *held to the Word* of God—that says Proverbs 4:20-22 “*Attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.*”

Bible examples show us that the healing is not received until the individual is willing to *believe* the *Word* is the *Way!* The Word tells us in three Gospels of a house packed to the doors with people listening to Jesus—no one received healing, however, except the one who *knew The Word is the Way* and therefore *believed* that his sins were forgiven—Mark 2:5; Luke 5:25; Matthew 9:7 SO “*He arose, and departed to his house*”—in faith on the words of Jesus.

Most religious organizations do not teach the Truth about *seeing through the lens of God’s Word*; they do not explain about *believing* in our

heart and then *acting* on His promises. When Satan sees we are holding to the Word, he tries to pull us away from it and to steal it out of our heart.

Abraham was promised a son against all human possibilities, but he looked at the *Word* and *not* at his age—so a son was given. God’s words are *so* important— “*Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart.*” Abraham believed the Word, so he received the promise.

Another example shows how to accept the *Word* as the *Way!* This man’s son was seriously oppressed, so he begged Jesus to visit his house. Jesus told him John 4:48 “*Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe*”—or, You have more confidence in what *Satan* is *saying*, than what *God* is *promising*. It is no use for Me to *visit* your house if you cannot *believe* in faith on My Words.

Jesus then spoke some words—which the man could *accept* and *believe*—or *reject* and *not receive*. John 4:50 “*Go thy way; thy son liveth.*” On the way home, the devil would picture the opposite of what Jesus promised—the devil does not give up easy.

But the man “*Believed the word that Jesus had spoken to him, and he went his way.*” He believed that the *Word* was the *Way*, and saw his son fully delivered. The *Word* was the *Way* to victory!



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