

Word of Righteousness

(Ro 6:11-14) ¹¹Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord. ¹²Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. ¹³And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. ¹⁴For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

How do we not let sin reign?

How do we present our members as instruments of righteousness?

(Ro 12:1-2) ¹I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. ²And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Presenting ourselves as instruments of righteousness requires a Renewed Mind.

How do we renew our minds?

(Ep 5:25-27) ²⁵Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, ²⁶that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, ²⁷that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.

The answer to all of these questions is the **Word of Righteousness**.

- natural and supernatural applications

(Jas 1:21-25) ²¹Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. ²²But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. ²³For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; ²⁴for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. ²⁵But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

1. Internalize His Word - memorization, meditation (Ps 1)

Parable of the Sower (Mk 4) - about how we receive the Word (Col 3:16, Jn 15:7)

2. Apply His Word

3. Pursue understanding His Word as the Source of Freedom (mindset - vs constraint)

3 levels/depths of understanding...

(2Ti 3:16) ¹⁶All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

1. Right and Wrong

(Heb 5:12-14) ¹²For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. ¹³For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. ¹⁴But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

2. Discernment through Use

(Heb 4:9-12) ⁹There remains therefore a rest for the people of God. ¹⁰For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His. ¹¹Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience. ¹²For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

3. fully at Rest in Him by allowing His Implanted Word to Supernaturally deal with our Minds and Hearts

most of our unrest is internal

beyond intellect (belief) to core heart issues - experiences, wounds, lies

Living (Mt 4:4, Jn 1:1, Jn 6:63)

Powerful (Jer 23:29, Isa 55:11)

We War (resist sin) with His Word (Gal 6:17, Heb 4:12)

Jesus' example (Mt 4:1-11)

story: Marsha's anger

(Jas 4:7-8) ⁷Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. ⁸Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

all accomplished through the Word of Righteousness (Amos 3:3)

(2Co 10:3-5) ³For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. ⁴For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, ⁵casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,

Warfare (resisting sin) is primarily Renewing our Minds with the Word of Righteousness

His Church needs to be filled with His Word and His Spirit