

Exalting Jesus, Loving People

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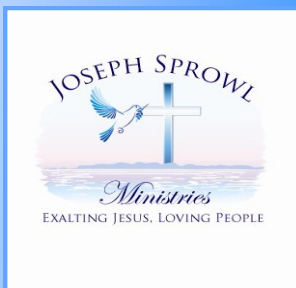
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Priority One - God's Word

As we prepare to move into the new year, I think it is fair to assess what place we have had the Word of God in our lives. Without any adjustments it is fair to assume that it will hold the same place that it has had for this year.

Ask yourselves these questions. Am I satisfied with my current spiritual condition? Am I satisfied with my current physical condition? Am I satisfied with the amount of revelation knowledge that I am receiving from the Holy Spirit? Am I satisfied with my current financial condition?

What I am trying to say, is that when properly applied, the Word of God can and will change any situation that presents itself in your life. Is the Lord Jesus pleased with how much attention you give to His Word? That would actually be the main question to ask.

Ask Him if He is pleased with the amount of time and attention you give to His Word and the amount of time and attention you give to praising and worshipping Him. The Word of God is the foundation or should be the foundation of every believer's life.

For the world these are uncertain and very dangerous days, but for the believer that stays filled with the Word of

God and filled with the Spirit, these are exciting and glorious days.

I would like for us to look at some scriptures that talk about the Word of God and the place it should hold in our lives. One of my favorite passages in the Bible comes from the book of Proverbs. It is Proverbs 4: 20-23, NKJV, "My son, give attention to my words: Incline your ear to my sayings. 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. Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it spring the issues of life." In these verses we are instructed to give or pay attention to the Word of God. Giving or paying attention to the Word of God is NOT reading one verse before you go to bed at night or looking at one verse that a friend or a ministry sent to you via e-mail, text or some other form of social media. What you give your time and attention to, is what is most important to you.

This newsletter actually takes me back to the first grade, learning the ABC's and how to write in cursive. Every time I looked toward the blackboard, there were the ABC's looking back at me. We were drilled in them on a daily basis because that would be the

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foundation of much of what was to come. Learning numbers from one to a hundred, was another thing we had to give our time and attention to. I would drill myself on both of these even after going home at night. I am not bragging, but I was the first grade flash card champion in math. I gave much time and attention to school work. It produced for me in a very positive way.

Reading, meditating, studying and acting on the Word of God will produce life and health in you, but you must pay attention to it. When you pay attention to it, it will not depart from your eyes and you will not forget it.

Let's now look at Helen's favorite verse. Matt. 6:33, "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you." You would not know how to seek the kingdom of God without the Word of God to tell you how. Seek first, seek first, seek first, seek first, seek first—first is the beginning place, above all else.

To put something first means that other things must go down the list in importance. Perhaps other things have crept into your life without being noticed and it is taking your Word time. It can happen to anyone. Ministers can lose their motivation and can just begin to float through their lives and ministry depending on the sermons and study of yesterday and lose the freshness they once had in their lives. You cannot live on the manna of yesterday.

When the Israelites tried to do that, worms got into the manna and it would stink. You cannot live in how wonderful it used to be in 1975 when you were first born again and filled with the Holy Spirit. You have to continually keep your sword sharp. We don't want to be dull, ineffective stinky Christians.

Why so much emphasis on the Word of God. Well, where does faith come from? Is faith important? Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. Your faith, mixed with the Word of God will move any mountain that tries to stand in your way. Heb. 4:12, NKJV, "For the Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discern-er of the thoughts and intents of the heart." The Word of God is a living thing and should always be in your spirit.

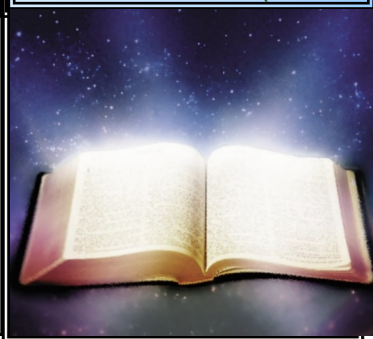
The only way that you can keep it there in abundance is by putting it in there in abundance. This requires giving it first place in your life. You will be able to say like the prophet of old, "The Word of God is like a fire shut up in my bones." The Word of God is also like a hammer breaking the rocks in pieces. Rocks means resistance. The Word of God in your spirit released through the words of your mouth will move any satanic resistance.

Helen and I have been born again, Spirit-filled Christians for well over forty years and we are spending



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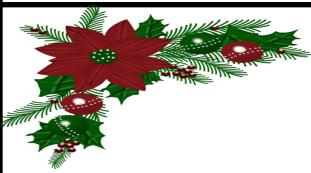
2 Timothy 3:16



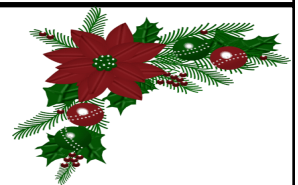
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more time in the Word of God and prayer than ever before. Many are the nights when we pray for several hours in the Spirit and then spend an hour or two watching or listening to the Word of God, taught by Brother Hagin, Brother Copeland and other Word of faith ministers.

There are just too many avenues today to not take advantage of modern technology and many ministries are giving their materials away free of charge, so there is no longer any excuse for not putting the Word of God first place. Great blessings to you as you commit to putting God's Word first place in your life or to keeping God's Word first place in your life.



FROM JOSEPH SPROWL MINISTRIES



**FROM OUR FAMILY TO YOURS:
WE WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY
A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A BLESSED NEW YEAR!**

*“The Word became flesh and made his
dwelling among us”*

John 1:14



JSM Special Holy Ghost Meeting

Our next JSM Special Meeting in the new year, will be announced at a later date.

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- ◆ **Check our web-site—www.josephsprowlministries.com—If you are not able to tune in to “God's Unchanging Word” broadcast on Sunday mornings on one of the stations listed on the back of this newsletter or you want to hear it over again, you can now go to our web-site, and click on media/broadcast and listen to “God's Unchanging Word” broadcasts that have been archived since May 15, 2016. Get the Word of God down on the inside of you!**

Rise Up Higher Church

Scripture for Praying for the Nation

I Tim. 2:1-4 Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men., for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.



Father, in the name of Jesus, we pray for the rain from heaven, (Zech. 10:1) a great outpouring of your Spirit, (Joel 2:28). We pray that you would soften the hearts and minds of the lost and give your people utterance (anointed words) and boldness as they preach the gospel. We hunger for and desire all nine gifts of the Holy Spirit to be in prolific manifestation. We ask for freshly anointed, fully equipped, prepared laborers to be sent into the harvest. Mt. 9:38
In Jesus name, Amen!

RADIO

"God's Unchanging Word" Broadcast is on Four Stations!

WMAN 1400 AM, & 98.3 FM, Mansfield, OH

Each Sunday morning, 8:15 a.m.- 8:30 a.m. The program also streams on the internet at WMANFM

WLRD 96.9 FM, Willard, OH

Each Sunday Morning, 9:00 a.m.- 9:15 a.m.-Streams on the internet WLRD.net

WGGN FM 97.7, Castalia, (Sandusky, OH) Each Sunday morning, 9:45 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

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PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAISE AND THANK THE LORD WITH US!

1. That our partner base will continue to grow and expand.
2. That doors for ministry would continue to open for both of us. Favor with pastors/church leaders.
3. Boldness/and manifestations and demonstrations of the Holy Spirit.
4. Finances for the radio outreach .

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