## 25 Benefits from Engaging with the Word of God

## 1. The scripture points me to Jesus.

"You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about Me." (John 5:39)

## 2. Every word of scripture is inspired.

"All Scripture is inspired by God" (2 Timothy 3:16 NASB)

### 3. Every word is full of life.

"The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life." (John 6:63)

# 4. Every word is eternal.

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away." (Matthew 24:35)

# 5. Every word is true food.

"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" (Matthew 4:4

#### 6. The Words of God are Doable

"This commandment that I command you today is not too hard for you, neither is it far off. ... But the word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it." (Deuteronomy 30:11, 14)

#### 7. The Truth Makes You Clean

"Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you." (John 15:3, also Ephesians 5:26)

# 8. Keeping God's Commands leads to Life

"Oh that they had such a heart as this always, to fear me and to keep all my commandments, that it might go well with them and with their descendants forever!" (Deuteronomy 5:29)

### 9. Meditating on Scripture Causes You to Prosper

"Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on His law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers." (Psalms 1:1-3)

#### 10. The Words of Christ are a Source of Faith

"Faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ." (Romans 10:17)

## 11. Inspired Scriptures Bring Encouragement and Hope

"Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope." (Romans 15:4)

#### 12. God-Breathed Truth Sets Us Free

"You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (John 8:32)

## 13. Holy Words of God Sanctify Us

"Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth." (John 17:17)

#### 14. Truth Transforms Our Mind

"Be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." (Romans 12:2)

### 15. God's Word Reveals Our Heart

"The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart." (Hebrews 4:12)

## 16. True Words are the Sword of the Spirit

"Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." (Ephesians 6:17)

### 17. Words of Life are Discovered in Every Verse

"It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life." (John 6:63)

### 18. The Sprit Guides Us into Truth

"When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth" (John 16:13)

## 19. Inspired Truth Makes True Disciples

"Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, 'If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples.'" (John 8:31)

### 20. It is Written by Men Inspired by God

"You received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers." (1 Thessalonians 2:13)

### 21. Scripture is a Work of the Holy Spirit

"No prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit." (2 Peter 1:21)

#### 22. Jesus is the Word of God

"I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on His head are many diadems, and He has a name written that no one knows but Himself. He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which He is called is The Word of God." (Revelation 19:11–13)

## 23. Jesus is the Incarnate Word

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ... And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth." (John 1:1, 14)

## 24. Grace and Truth came through Jesus

"The law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ." (John 1:17)

## 25. Read it Every Day for Five Benefits

"When he(the king) sits on the throne of his kingdom, he shall write for himself in a book a copy of this law, approved by the Levitical priests. And it shall be with him, and he shall read in it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the LORD his God by keeping all the words of this law and these statutes, and doing them, that his heart may not be lifted up above his brothers, and that he may not turn aside from the commandment, either to the right hand or to the left, so that he may continue long in his kingdom, he and his children, in Israel." (Deuteronomy 17:18-20)

- 1. Develop Reverence for God "Learn to fear the LORD"
- 2. Foster Obedience to God "by keeping all the words of this law ... and doing them"
- 3. Produce Humility, "his heart may not be lifted up above his brothers"
- 4. Keep Balanced, "he may not turn aside ... either to the right hand or to the left"
- 5. Family Lives Long and Prospers, "he may continue long in his kingdom, he and his children"