

GOD'S WORD AND YOUR LIFE

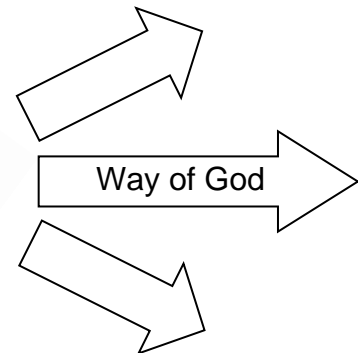
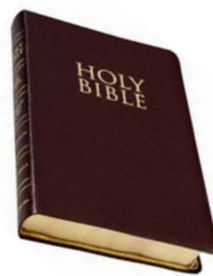
"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness." (2 Timothy 3:16)

The Word of God is very important for a Christian! It is given by God to us and is very useful for our lives. The King James version and the Chinese translation says that the Word is "profitable" for us – it is valuable, rewarding and beneficial for our lives. 2 Timothy 3:16 tells us 4 ways that God's word will help us to live our lives.

1. TEACHING

God says, "My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways¹." God wants the best for our lives, so it makes sense to let Him direct the way He wants us to go. God's Word will do that for us – teach us the way. There are many choices in life but not every way leads us to the right and the best way.

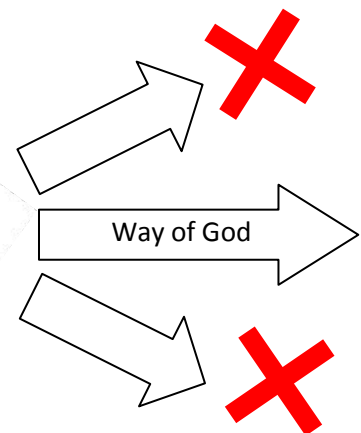
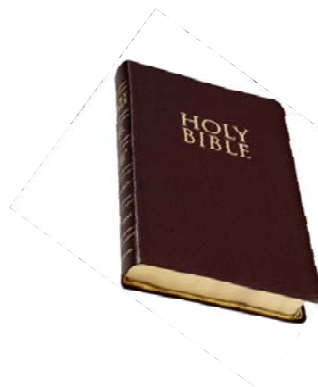
God has promised this, "I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you²." Another translation says, "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eyes on you³."



"Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful⁴."

2. REBUKING

There are times when we choose to go our own way and not the way of God. We are all rebellious at times and want to try to do things "my way." The Word of God will let us know that we have left the truth of God.



There are times when we do not want to go to God – we want to

¹ Isaiah 55:8

² Psalm 32:8 (New Living Translation)

³ New International Version

⁴ Joshua 1:8

run away. Even then, God will get hold of us by speaking to our hearts and often by the Word of God that is already in us. There are times when “we are faithless, He remains faithful⁵!” What a wonderful God we have! That is why it is important to memorise the Word of God in our daily lives.

“I have hidden your Word in my heart that I might not sin against you⁶.”

3. CORRECTING

After God rebukes us when we go the wrong way, then He will correct us through His word. He will show us the way to get back on track with God’s plan for our lives. It is one thing to know that we have gone astray but another to return to the right way. Often, it is not easy to come back. Especially Asian people – we can feel so

ashamed of what we have done wrong that we have great resistance to making things right again. This is where God’s word will come in again and give us the how, the encouragement and the strength to do the right thing.



4. TRAINING

Then God’s word will continue to train us to go the way of God – the way of righteousness – the way of victory – the way to blessing from God. The Word will continue to direct and guide us! Yeah! The more we walk in God’s way, the stronger we get to keep on the right way!



CONCLUSION

The Word of God is your best friend and the most powerful weapon against the evils of this life. Get to know it well and hold on to it every day of your life! That is why the Bible calls it the Sword of the Spirit⁷. Use your sword daily!

⁵ 2 Timothy 2:13

⁶ Psalm 119:11

⁷ Ephesians 6:17