

God's Living and Active Word

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*For the Word of God is living and active.
Sharper than any double-edged sword,
it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow;
it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Hebrews 4:12*

Have you been changed by memorizing God's Word since we began the Scripture Project challenge? Is God's Word living and active in your life?

Did you know the Bible is not simply words on a page or a set of stories to entertain us? John 1:1-2 says - *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.* This tells us the Word of God has been in existence since the beginning of time, and will be in existence forever. And this verse goes a step further - the "He" refers to Jesus. Jesus is the Word.

Is **Jesus** living and active in your life?

Do you wonder what it looks like when the Word (Jesus) is living and active in our lives? God speaks to us through His Word. He also gives us clarity and reveals to us who Jesus is, and who we are in relation to Him. Before I became a Christian, I didn't know what I believed about some of the big moral issues of our day. I tended to go back and forth based on what I heard others say. But when Christ and His Word became living and active in my life, those issues became perfectly clear. God's Word transcends all time. It never changes, no matter how much society changes. His Word is relevant to our lives today.

Our verse this week shows us the importance of God's Word in our personal lives. Not only does His Word judge our visible actions, but it also penetrates straight to our every thought and attitude. The next verse in Hebrews says - *Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.* While we may be able to fool ourselves and those around us, we can't fool Jesus. That is a sobering thought! God doesn't want us to only change our actions, but also our thoughts and attitudes. How is your thought life? How is your attitude? If you aren't sure, ask God to show you through His Word.

You can know with certainty that when you read God's Word with the attitude of knowing Him better, you will hear from God! His Word becomes living and active in your life when you seek Him. Are you seeking Christ through His Word every day? You must be open to change when Jesus reveals Himself to you, or His Word will cease to be living and active in your life. Have you opened your heart to Jesus? When you are open and willing, He will transform your life through His Word.

If you are not in God's Word every day, I challenge you to start now so you can experience

His living and active Word, (Jesus) in your life.

In Christ,
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