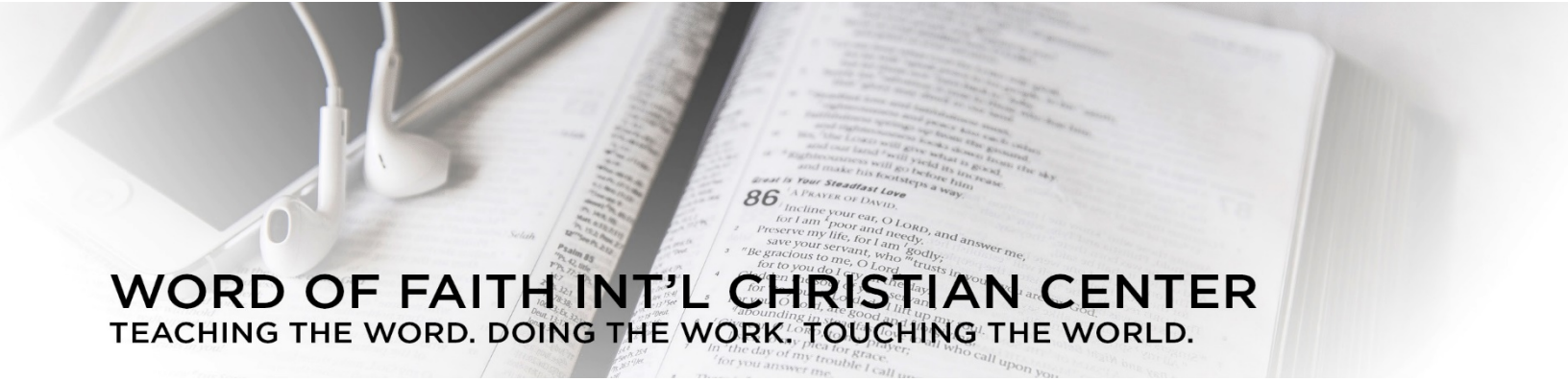




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God's Word and You, Part 1

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Introduction Summary

In Luke chapter eight, we will see that the Word of God is extremely powerful. However, you have an adversary, the devil, who wants to take that Word away from you. As you study this lesson, learn how to give the Word first place in your life so you can win every time.

- I. Luke 8:11-12: Some seed fell by the wayside. The devil easily takes it away.
 - A. You must apply the 5 Elements of Faith: *hear, receive, believe, speak, act*.
 - B. Saved (Gk. *sozo*) means *delivered, protect, heal, preserve, do well, make whole* (Mark 5:34).
 - C. Satan attacks the Word to keep you from salvation's miraculous results.
- II. Luke 8:13: Some seed fell on the rocks.
 - A. The rocks describe those that receive the Word with joy but have no root.
 - B. Choose to give the Word moisture and cause your spiritual roots to go deep.
 - C. *Temptation* means (Gk. *peirasmos*) *putting to proof in adversity* (1 Pet. 1:1-6).
 - D. "*Manifold temptations*" describes *various degrees of adversity*.
 - E. This is not God testing you (Jam. 1:13-14; 1 Pet. 4:12).
 - F. The roots of the Word develop when you apply the 5 Elements of Faith.
 - G. Daily feeding on the Word is like giving moisture to the roots of a tree.
 - H. That is the reason there are people who hear the Word, but have no results.
- III. Luke 8:14: Some seed fell among thorns.
 - A. *Choked with cares* (*merimna*) means *distractions*.
 - B. *Pleasures* mean *sensual pleasures* or gratifying the flesh.
 - C. Results occur, but the seed disintegrates before it fully blooms.
- IV. Luke 8:15: Some seed fell on good ground.
 - A. *Good* (Gk. *Kalos*) means *beneficial*.
 - B. *Honest heart* (Gk. *Kalo*) means *worthy, better heart*.
 - C. *Keep* (Gk. *katechō*) means to *hold fast, retain, seize*.
 - D. *Patience* (Gk. *hypomonē*) means *constancy, cheerful endurance through adversity*.

- E. Patience helps you stay calm (Luke 21:19). That comes with age.
- V. Faith and patience work together to bring about God's results (Heb. 6:11-12).
 - A. Living debt free requires patience (Heb. 12:1).
 - B. If you are patient long enough, you will experience victory (Jam. 1:1-4).
 - C. The Word is what saves you.
- VI. Luke 8:16: Don't be ashamed to tell people how this test will turn out.
 - A. Luke 8:17: God will reveal your next step to you.
 - B. You're never boxed in. God always has a way out for you.
- VII. Luke 8:18: *Take heed* means *pay attention*.
 - A. He who has *revelation of the Word* shall get more.
 - B. He who has not *revelation of the Word* shall lose what they had.
 - C. You must do both, Hear the Word and do it (Luke 8:19-21; Jam. 1:22).
- VIII. Luke 8:22: Jesus received the Word from God and gave it to the disciples.
 - A. John 8:28-29 Jesus only does what the Father says (Mk 11:11-17; John 14:12).
 - B. Luke 8:22: God told Jesus to go across the lake for a reason.
 - 1. The test came (8:23).
 - 2. The disciples failed the test.
 - C. Luke 8:24-25: The disciples feared; Jesus knew He had authority.
 - D. Luke 8:26-30: Here's the assignment from God. Christians must know their assignment. Deliver this man from satanic possession. Jesus wasn't moved by what He saw.
 - E. Luke 8:31-37: A multitude is at least 6,000. Thousands of people had come.
 - 1. In other places, the multitude received Jesus and even brought their sick loved ones to be healed (Mat. 4:24).
 - 2. These people rejected Jesus.
 - 3. There's no record that Jesus He ever went back.
 - 4. There's no record that neither Peter nor Paul went back to that area.
 - 5. When you kick God out, *you* have to be the one to come back to *Him*. (1 John 1:9; Heb. 4:16).
- IX. Luke 8:38-49: Jesus gave this man an assignment.
 - A. Paul followed his assignment.
 - B. You don't follow your passion; you follow your assignment.
 - C. When Jesus went back across the lake, they gladly received Him.
 - D. Jesus not only healed the woman with the issue of blood, but He made her whole.
 - E. Jesus raised Jairus' daughter from the dead.

Closing Summary -- assignment

We learned from Luke chapter eight that God's Word will change your life, if you make it a priority every day. You must hear it, receive it, believe it, speak it and act on it as a lifestyle in order to cause it to reach its full maturity. When you make acting on the Word of God your lifestyle, you will win every day.