

Answer Key:

Release the Power of God's Word

How do I Merge the Word with my Faith?

1 Thessalonians 2:13 NIV

"We also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is at work in you who believe."

Introductory Statement

The effectiveness of God's Word in our lives is up to us. Each day we make choices about how we will spend our time (*will we spend some time reading our bible, taking time to ponder what it says?*), what we believe (*it is a choice based on relationship*), what to declare as truth (*repeating God's Word out loud*), and what we will do (*what the Word says*). Our faith releases the power of God's word in our lives. How do we combine the Word of God with faith?

Hebrews 4:2 NIV

"The message they heard was of no value to them, because those who heard did not combine it with faith."

Did you know that the effectiveness of the Word of God in your life is up to you?

1. read
 - time
2. believe
 - choosing
3. declare
 - say
4. act
 - prove

5 Lessons from this Parable:

- building
- storm
- person
- falls
- wait

How can I merge the Word with Faith?

1. You and I must choose to _____ it!

Psalm 119:11, 16 NIV

"I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you... I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word."

- Use whatever _____ you have but take your time while using it.

John 8:31-32 ESV

"If you abide in my Word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

Matthew 9:29 NIV

"According to your faith will it be done to you."

2. You and I must choose to _____ it!

Psalm 119:30 NIV

"I have chosen the way of truth; I have set my heart on your laws."

- Biblical faith is _____ to believe something is true because you believe someone is truthful.

2 Timothy 1:12 NIV

"I know whom I have believed and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him."

3. You and I must choose to _____ it!

Matthews 17:20 NIV

"I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."

- When you _____ what God says, You begin to think like God thinks.

Hebrews 10:23 NIV

"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope."

Proverbs 18:21 NIV

"The tongue has the power of life and death."

4. You and I must choose to _____ on it!

James 1:22 NIV

"Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says."

- We _____ we believe by how we *behave* when you act on God's word, God's word acts on you.

Matthew 7:24-27 NIV

"Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

5 Lessons from this Parable:

- Everyone of us is _____ a life.

- A _____ is coming.

- The wise _____ believes in storms, the fool does not.

- The house that _____, falls when it is needed the most.

- Don't _____ for the storm to start building on the right foundation because it will be too late.