

ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT

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Hebrews 4:12-13 (KJV) ¹² For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

- The Word of God is:
- *Quick or alive*; it always alive and active, working to get God's message to our hearts
 - The Bible is not just a collection of stories from God, it is God's *revelation* to us
 - God's Word comes from a *living* God and His Word will never die or be exterminated ***Isaiah 40:8 (KJV) 8 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.***
 - The Word God speaks, challenges, comforts, convicts, wrestles with us, and even pleads with us
 - The Word of God is alive and active as we allow it to minister to us:
 - The Word works in the lives of those who believe ***1 Thessalonians 2:13 (KJV) 13 For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.***
 - Hearing the Word of God builds our faith ***Romans 10:17 (KJV) 17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.***
 - The of God gives us peace ***Psalms 119:165 (KJV) 165 Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.***
 - Abiding or dwelling in the word of God shows we are Jesus' disciples ***John 8:31 (KJV) 31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;***
 - The Word of God has power and authority over demonic powers ***Luke 4:36 (KJV) 36 And they were all amazed, and spake among themselves, saying, What a word is this! for with authority and power he commandeth the unclean spirits, and they come out.***
- *Powerful or active and energizing*

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- The Word of God is effective, it will accomplish what God intend for it to do **Isaiah 55:10-11 (KJV) 10 For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: 11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.**
- The Word convicts us of sin and moves us to receive salvation
- The Word of God has the power to put sin to death and give us a new life in Christ
- *Sharper than any two-edged sword*
 - The Bible has no dull side, no blunt side, it's sharp all over
 - The Bible cuts *both* ways, the receiver *and* deliverer of the Word will both experience the surgical cutting precision of the Word
 - The Word of God cuts to the very core of our being
 - Many believers don't much time in the Word because it cuts
 - You and I can't come near the Word and it does not have some effect on us
 - The purpose of God's cutting is to minister healing, not to leave us wounded
 - Where we allow Word of God to cut us *deeply*, He also heals *completely*
- *Piercing is to cut through to the soul and spirit and of the joints and marrow*
 - The Word of God is sharper than any two-edged sword, it also has a pointed tip to penetrate our hearts
 - It pierces through to the soul and spirit, and joints and marrow
 - It divides between the soul and spirit; our *outer* and *inner* nature
 - The Word of God can show us the difference between our soulish nature and spiritual nature
 - The Word of God cuts to *joints and marrow*, those hard to get at, hidden, sometimes secret areas of our lives
 - The Word of God *discerns* the thoughts and intents of the *heart*
 - It is the condition of the heart that drives our behavior
 - **Jeremiah 17:9 (KJV) 9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?**
 - God's Word is able authoritatively to act as a critic of our innermost feelings, attitudes and thoughts, showing us faults and sins

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- The Word of God lets us see our thoughts and motives in our hearts, but it also *judges* those thoughts and motives
- God's Word is powerful to expose our sin, not to embarrass us, but always to bring healing.
- The Word cuts down to our inner thoughts motives, and feelings, helping us see the things that are not pleasing to God

God Sees Everything

¹³ Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

- There is nothing or no one in all of creation that can be hidden from God
- What we thought was concealed, hidden, unnoticed is revealed by the Word of God
- All things are naked and open before God
- The Word of God discovers *and* exposes our true condition
- God sees our heart and He knows how to touch it
- God's Word will show us our true condition and must give an account for how we respond to what the Word reveals to us
- **Application**
 - *Value the Word of God above worldly wisdom*
 - *Regularly read, study memorize and mediate, and share the Word of God*
 - *Believe and apply the Word of God*
 - *Live with a heart exposed to the Word of God*
 - *Regularly receive the preached Word of God **Hebrews 10:25 (KJV) 25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.***