

SERMON: THE WORD OF GOD IS POWERFUL

SCRIPTURE: Hebrews 4:12

Introduction: In the August edition of the Readers' Digest there is an article entitled. "The Bible's Timeless and Timely – Insights," by Doctor Smiley Blanton. It is the greatest textbook (referring to the Bible) on human behavior ever put together. If people would just absorb its message a lot of us psychiatrist could close our offices and go fishing." In addition to this Doctor Blanton gives certain vital scriptural illustrations that can bring about the feeling of security and mental happiness.

Some of these examples are:

1. **UNDERNEATH ARE THE EVERLASTING ARMS – Duet. 33:27**
 - a. Born with fear of falling
 - b. Biblical image brings security and peace

2. **LOVE THY NEIGHBOR AS THYSELF – Matthew 19:19**
 - a. Person must have self-love and respect
 - b. Lack of self-esteem is most common emotional ailment
 - c. Must respect self to respect others

3. **TAKE NO THOUGHT FOR THE MORROW – Matthew 6:34**
 - a. Worry is futile and produces only tension
 - b. Same power will take you through crisis of future as in past

4. **AS HE THINKETH IN HIS HEART, SO IS HE – Proverbs 23:7**
 - a. We become what we see, hear, thing
 - b. Thoughts become acts

5. **LET NOT THE SUN GO DOWN UPON YOUR WRATH – Ephesians 4:26**
 - a. Learn not to hold grudge
 - b. Be forgiving and forgiven

6. **A MERRY HEART DOETH GOOD LIKE A MEDICINE – Proverbs 17:22**
 - a. God makes man with the ability to laugh as well as cry
 - b. Merry-making does not have to be sinful

7. **KNOW TRUTH AND BE FREE – John 8:32**
 - a. One cannot be set free from fear from fear and anxiety until he knows the truth about himself
 - b. The greatest comprehension of truth is seen in the personality of Jesus

Conclusion: The Word of God is as up-to-date as the morning newspaper or the latest book on mental health. Its power is never failing.