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Power in the Word of God!

Scripture: Hebrews 4:12 - 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 Power of Words: The Bible suggests that our words have the power to build up, encourage, and heal, or on the other hand, to tear down, discourage, and wound. **What is the power of the word of God?** God's word, as revealed in Scripture, is powerful because it is God-breathed, guiding, teaching, and transforming individuals, revealing truth, and equipping them for service. It becomes the tool to reprove, convict or rebuke so we might know and follow God's will.

The power of God's Word is first demonstrated in the act of creation. Genesis 1:3 states, "And God said, *Let there be light: and there was light.*" Here, the spoken Word of God brings forth creation, out of nothing, illustrating the Word's inherent power to bring about reality.

God's Word is a source of truth, guidance, and illumination. 2 Timothy. 3:16 tell us, "**All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.**" Through the Holy Spirit, God revealed His person and plan to certain believers, who wrote down God's message for His people. The writers wrote from their own personal, historical, and cultural contexts, they wrote what God wanted them to write. Scripture is completely trustworthy because God was in control of its writing. **The Bible is "God-breathed."** God's guidance helps us follow in His path and avoid paths that lead to destruction (Psalm 119:105). It reveals God's character, plan, and will for mankind, helping us to understand our place in the world and how to live a life pleasing to God.

God's Word has the power to penetrate the human heart, convicting sin, and leading to repentance and faith in Jesus. It can bring about a transformation in a person's life, changing their thoughts, attitudes, and behaviors. It exposes our sins and helps us recognize our need for forgiveness. Hebrews 4:12 lets us know that it's probing instruments and with the incisiveness of a surgeon's knife, God's Word reveals who we are and what we are not. It penetrates the core of our moral and spiritual life. It discerns what is within us, both good and evil. **We must not only listen to the Word; we must let it shape our life.**

God's Word equips us for every good work, providing the necessary knowledge, wisdom, and strength to live out our faith in Him. **It builds up our faith and strengthens our spiritual life to endure hardship and overcome difficulties.** Faith is not something we can achieve through our own willpower or good deeds, but rather it is a gift from God that comes through hearing and believing the gospel (Romans 10:17). Isaiah 40:29 says, "He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength." Even the strongest people get tired at times, but God's power and strength never diminish. He is never too tired or too busy to help and listen. His strength is our source of strength. When you feel all of life crushing you and cannot go another step, remember that you can call upon God to renew your strength.

The Word of God is depicted as a spiritual weapon in our arsenal. Ephesians 6:17 instructs, "*Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.*" As part of the armor of God, the Word is a defensive and offensive tool against spiritual adversaries.

The power of God's Word is multifaceted, encompassing creation, sustenance, transformation, guidance, faith, and spiritual warfare. It is a testament to the divine nature and authority of the Scriptures, serving as a foundation for belief and practice in the life of men and women of God. Moreover, it convicts of sin, regenerates, gives saving faith, builds up, strengthens, gives wisdom, brings peace, brings joy, gives patience, comfort, and hope, and protects from error and sin.

Jesus said in Mark 11:23-24: "*For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; **and shall not doubt in his heart**, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.*"