

Ignoring the Word

Lately, I feel like I've been slapped pretty hard by the poor choices others have made and the impact they've had on my life. It's hard at times to stay focused on Him with all that is going on in my life with my feelings bouncing all over the place. Yet, I have learned over the years that my feelings can be very misleading.

Friends, you can't always trust your feelings, because feelings have nothing to do with the facts of God's Word. Feelings come, feelings go, and feelings will always fool you. We must get to the place where we abide in God's Word, not our feelings.

I want to encourage you today, "Don't ignore the Word." The "Word" for today has multiple meanings but I am only going to focus on two aspects of it.

First:

Don't ignore reading His word daily. Ouch! Did she really just say daily? Yes, I did. I know life keeps us on our toes, but the Word is what keeps you upright. You need to spend time in His Word. His Word is the best thing for you and it's how He speaks to us.

"For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged 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" (Hebrews 4:12).

Second:

Whatever it is you sense He is saying to you or asking you to do "Don't ignore it." Do not try to do it another way. Do not take shortcuts. Do not talk yourself out of it. Do not let circumstances stop you. Act upon whatever it is He is asking or showing you. Remember, His word doesn't change because your circumstances do!

According to Psalm 119:9-11, we will not be able to guard our life, seek God, or keep from wandering unless we are immersed in God's Word. God's applied Word will always separate us from the pull of the world.

If you ignore God's Word you could find yourself in difficult situation. As humans we battle many elements within our hearts as we walk life out. For me personally, I keep finding things out about myself or others and encountering that I don't like. If we don't read the Word or act on the Word we rob ourselves of the fullness of the Word.

Can I be real with you? Ignoring God's word leads to a downward spiral. I know it's easier to ignore the Word than to read it or act on it. Many times it hurts to face the truth of where we are or what we must do. Many times, when God is dealing with us about a certain thing, He will deliver multiple messages from different sources to get our attention. Daily we see people "pushing the envelope" with little or no concern for the consequences.

We all know that God shows us things to draw us closer to Him, and sometimes during those times of "showing us" we experience pain. Why? Because we have let these areas within us stay untouched by Him and they will work against the very purposes of God in our life.

We ignore what we see or we tell ourselves it really isn't that big a problem. We may even openly admit it's a problem while ignoring why we do nothing to change it.

"Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock" (Matthew 5:24)

Today, God wants to shine His light within us. He wants His word to bring life to us. The Lord has proven Himself time and time again as faithful and dependable. He wants His Word to bring hope to us. He wants His Word to change us. God's Word can be trusted to change not only us, but our circumstances.

Heavenly Father, I trust Your Word and I want to truthfully say that I have hidden Your Word in my heart that I might not sin against You by letting circumstances over-rule what Your Word. Heavenly Father, keep my focus on You and show Me Your truth, so by grace I can apply it to my life. I long to experience the inoculation against the circumstances that work against Your Word my life. I know I can never claim to seek You with my whole heart until I am spending significant time in Your Word. Guide me in that path of righteousness, for Your name's sake. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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