

LIVE BY THE SPIRIT

THEME VERSE – GAL 5:25 (NIV)

²⁵ *Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.*

PT 4: How To Engage With God's Word

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1. Recap “spirit-life training”

- The sad reality of spiritually disengaged believers
- 2 Tim 3:16 (NIRV)
 - ¹⁶ God has breathed life into all Scripture. It is useful for teaching us what is true. It is useful for correcting our mistakes. It is useful for making our lives whole again. It is useful for training us to do what is right.
 - “Train” – to be tutored or instructed
 - Undergo discipline or correction

2. Three ways to engage with God's Word

a. Hear

- Rom 10:17 (NKJV)
 - ¹⁷ So then faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.
- 1 Thess 2:13 (NKJV)
 - ¹³ For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed *it* not *as* the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe.

“God's Word has always been His chosen instrument to create, convict, convert, and conform His people” – Mark Dever

- Luke 8:18 (NLT)
 - ¹⁸ “So pay attention to how you hear. To those who listen to my teaching, more understanding will be given. But for those who are not listening, even what they think they understand will be taken away from them.”

- b. Meditate/Study
 - James 1:25 (Amp)
 - ²⁵ But he who looks carefully into the perfect law, the *law* of liberty, and faithfully abides by it, not having become a [careless] listener who forgets but ^[a]an active doer [who obeys], he will be blessed *and* favored by God in what he does [in his life of obedience].

 - What is Biblical meditation?
 - “God’s Word does not merely impart information. It actually creates life. It’s not only descriptive; it’s effective too. God speaking is God acting.”*

- c. Apply
 - James 1:22 (ERV)
 - ²² Do what God’s teaching says; don’t just listen and do nothing. When you only sit and listen, you are fooling yourselves.

 - Suggested framework
 - Sin
 - Promise
 - Attitude
 - Command
 - Example
 - Challenge
 - Truth