

### **1 Peter 4:11 (NKJV)**

<sup>11</sup> If anyone speaks, *let him speak* as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, *let him do it* as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

### **Colossians 3:16-17 (NKJV)**

<sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

<sup>17</sup> And *whatever* you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

When we speak, the Holy Spirit will work with us to anoint His word in two ways:

- He teaches us what to say

#### **Matthew 10:19-20 (NKJV)**

<sup>19</sup> But when they deliver you up, do not worry about how or what you should speak. For it will be given to you in that hour what you should speak;

<sup>20</sup> for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you.

- He prompts the heart of the listener

#### **John 6:44 (NKJV)**

<sup>44</sup> No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day.

## **Digesting the Word**

### **Matthew 4:4 (NKJV)**

<sup>4</sup> But He answered and said, "It is written, '*Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.*' "

### **Ezekiel 3:1-3 (NKJV)**

<sup>1</sup> Moreover He said to me, "Son of man, eat what you find; eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel."

<sup>2</sup> So I opened my mouth, and He caused me to eat that scroll.

<sup>3</sup> And He said to me, "Son of man, feed your belly, and fill your stomach with this scroll that I give you." So I ate, and it was in my mouth like honey in sweetness.

### **Ephesians 4:14-15 (NKJV)**

<sup>14</sup> that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,

<sup>15</sup> but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head--Christ--

## **Milk**

### **1 Peter 2:2-3 (NKJV)**

<sup>2</sup> as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,

<sup>3</sup> if indeed you have tasted that the Lord *is* gracious.

## **Solid food**

### **Hebrews 5:12-14 (NKJV)**

<sup>12</sup> For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need *someone* to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food.

<sup>13</sup> For everyone who partakes *only* of milk *is* unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe.

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<sup>14</sup> But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, *that is*, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

### **John 15:7 (NKJV)**

<sup>7</sup> If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

## Receiving the Living Word

### **Psalms 119:11, 105 (NKJV)**

<sup>11</sup> Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You!

<sup>105</sup> Your word *is* a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.

### **James 1:21-24 (NKJV)**

<sup>21</sup> Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

<sup>22</sup> But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

<sup>23</sup> For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror;

<sup>24</sup> for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was.

## Translating the Word

The word of God can be expressed in two forms:

### **The general word**

#### **2 Timothy 2:15 (NKJV)**

<sup>15</sup> Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

#### **2 Peter 1:4, 19 (NKJV)**

<sup>4</sup> by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption *that is* in the world through lust.

<sup>19</sup> And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts;

#### **1 John 2:14 (NKJV)**

<sup>14</sup> I have written to you, fathers, Because you have known Him *who is* from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, Because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, And you have overcome the wicked one.

#### **John 15:3 (NKJV)**

<sup>3</sup> You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.

#### **Ephesians 5:26 (NKJV)**

<sup>26</sup> that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word,

#### **Isaiah 50:4 (NKJV)**

<sup>4</sup> "The Lord GOD has given Me The tongue of the learned, That I should know how to speak A word in season to *him who is* weary. He awakens Me morning by morning, He awakens My ear To hear as the learned.

#### **2 Corinthians 4:2 (NKJV)**

<sup>2</sup> But we have renounced the hidden things of shame, not walking in craftiness nor handling the word of God deceitfully, but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

### **Philippians 4:13 (NKJV)**

<sup>13</sup> I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

### **Romans 8:37 (NKJV)**

<sup>37</sup> Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

### **Romans 16:20 (NKJV)**

<sup>20</sup> And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you. Amen.

### **The specific word**

#### **Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV)**

<sup>12</sup> For the word of God *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

#### **Matthew 4:4 (NKJV)**

<sup>4</sup> But He answered and said, "It is written, '*Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.*' "

#### **Romans 10:8 (NKJV)**

<sup>8</sup> But what does it say? "*The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart*" (that is, the word of faith which we preach):

#### **Isaiah 55:10-11 (NKJV)**

<sup>10</sup> "For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, And do not return there, But water the earth, And make it bring forth and bud, That it may give seed to the sower And bread to the eater,

<sup>11</sup> So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper *in the thing* for which I sent it.

### **Imparting Faith**

#### **Hebrews 4:2 (NKJV)**

<sup>2</sup> For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard *it*.

#### **1 Thessalonians 2:13 (NKJV)**

<sup>13</sup> 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.

#### **1 Thessalonians 1:5 (NKJV)**

<sup>5</sup> For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit and in much assurance, as you know what kind of men we were among you for your sake.

#### **Jeremiah 20:9 (NKJV)**

<sup>9</sup> Then I said, "I will not make mention of Him, Nor speak anymore in His name." But *His word* was in my heart like a burning fire Shut up in my bones; I was weary of holding *it* back, And I could not.

#### **2 Timothy 4:2 (NKJV)**

<sup>2</sup> Preach the word! Be ready in season *and* out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.

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### **2 Corinthians 2:17 (NKJV)**

<sup>17</sup> For we are not, as so many, peddling the word of God; but as of sincerity, but as from God, we speak in the sight of God in Christ.

### **2 Corinthians 4:5 (NKJV)**

<sup>5</sup> For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus' sake.

### **1 Corinthians 2:13 (NKJV)**

<sup>13</sup> These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

### **Philippians 2:14-16 (NKJV)**

<sup>14</sup> Do all things without complaining and disputing,

<sup>15</sup> that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,

<sup>16</sup> holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain.