

Introduction

This week as we look at revelation, have you ever thought of the amount of knowledge we gather. We hear message, after message, after message but do we ever really allow any of them to become revelation to our hearts.

It's like having a nice meal and going away and forgetting what you ate. Have we become so performance motivated instead of presence people?

The Bible says to be a doer of the Word and not only a hearer.

Scripture

James 1:23-24 (Amplified Bible)

- ²³For if anyone only listens to the Word without obeying it and being a doer of it, he is like a man who looks carefully at his [own] natural face in a mirror; ²⁴For he thoughtfully observes himself, and then goes off and promptly forgets what he was like.

Notice James says hear it is no good only listening to the Word and being able to quote all scriptures and knowing all the books of the Bible, which is just a form of religious self righteousness, but he says here in this scripture:

- 1) We need to obey the Word
- 2) We need to be a doer of it

If we are going to speak Kingdom truths and not the traditions of man, we need to be a person who obeys the Word. Once we have obeyed the Word and responded to it, it becomes a deposit in our heart, it becomes a revelation. Then we can be a doer of the Word.

It is interesting to note that Easter is not in the Bible, but it is a tradition of man.

We have no problem keeping Easter and Christmas and looking forward to those times, but do we take every opportunity, apart from these times to speak out of the revelation of our hearts about the resurrection, about the life, about the forgiveness and about the power of God?

I am not judging or putting down Christmas or Easter as I know they are a tool for winning people to Christ. The thing that I am asking here, and I have to ask myself, do I put too much emphasis on the traditions of man instead of the revealed truth from the Word of God.

Scripture

- **2 Corinthians 4:13 (Amplified Bible)**

¹³Yet we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, I have believed, and therefore have I spoken. We too believe, and therefore we speak, ^(A)

Notice here that Paul says:

- 1) We have the Spirit of faith
- 2) I have believed
- 3) Therefore I speak

The Word “believed” here means;

- a) To have faith in
- b) To trust (especially for one’s spiritual wellbeing)
- c) Being fully persuaded of the truthfulness of God
- d) To have a full assurance

- **2 Corinthians 4:13 (The Message)**

¹³⁻¹⁵We're not keeping this quiet, not on your life. Just like the psalmist who wrote, "I believed it, so I said it," we say what we believe. And what we believe is that the One who raised up the Master Jesus will just as certainly raise us up with you, alive. Every detail works to your advantage and to God's glory: more and more grace, more and more people, more and more praise!

It is interesting to see here that the message Bible says (we say what we believe), so what do we really believe. Because what comes out of our mouth, is what we believe.

So do we say “I’m sick”, “have no money”, “struggling”, so our confession determines the revelation that is really in our heart, our confession determines our position we are in Christ.

So before we speak there must become a revelation of that Word so that when we do speak it, it has power, it has life, because we have responded to the Word ourselves and made it part of our lives.

You don’t believe what the circumstances say – we believe the revealed Word. So we obey what the Word says, and we do what the Word says, not what our circumstances say.

To really receive revelation and to become a powerful person in the Kingdom as James says about not just being a hearer of the Word, we need to digest the Word as we digest food, we need to digest the Word as this is spiritual, living food.

TO DIGEST MEANS:

1) To process food:

Process food in the body into a form that can be absorbed and used or excreted.

2) Digest means to absorb mentally:

To think about something and come to understand or appreciate what it means.

So if we digest the Word of God as we digest food it becomes alive in us. It forms in us, we can absorb it so that it becomes a deposit in our heart.

Once we have absorbed food, which gives us energy in the natural life to our natural bodies, so it is with the Word of God giving us life in the spiritual realm.

The Bible says the Word is alive and active.

For me to be able to speak truth, first of all I must absorb it, digest it, understand it, appreciate it so then I can release it, which brings results.

So when I speak the Word I speak it in believing and trusting that it will perform what it says.

If the Word of God is not formed in me and has not become revealed knowledge to me, I do not speak with authority.

We speak a lot about obesity in the world:

OBESITY: A state of being unhealthily overweight

So if we can suffer obesity in the natural, I'm sure it can happen in the spiritual.

Paul talks about people being puffed up in their minds having a form of godliness but denying the power of it.

So obesity in the natural is a person eating too much, digesting their food but never exercising or working it out. So it is in the spiritual. We can have all the knowledge but it must become revealed knowledge. It has to be digested, worked through, pondered on, for it to bring life.

That is why we see two comparisons in the Bible.

Elizabeth and Zechariah were praying for a baby.

Scripture

- **Luke 1:13 (New International Version, ©2011)**

¹³ But the angel said to him: "Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to call him John.

Now the angel appeared to Zechariah and said "your prayers have been heard", but Zechariah's response to this in Luke 1:18

Scripture

- **Luke 1:18 (New International Version, ©2011)**

¹⁸ Zechariah asked the angel, "How can I be sure of this? I am an old man and my wife is well along in years."

Notice Zechariah says:

- 1) How can I be sure
- 2) I'm an old man
- 3) My wife is well along in years

These three statements show that Zechariah was not praying in belief. He did not even believe the Angel of the Lord.

Now compare this to Mary

Scripture

- **Luke 2:16-19 (New International Version, ©2011)**

¹⁶ So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child,

¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.

These shepherds are telling Mary & Joseph everything concerning the baby Jesus. All who heard it were amazed. But Mary, in verse 19, she never spoke of these things, but she treasured them and pondered them in her heart.

She was digesting the Word.

Even when Jesus was at the temple, at 12 years old, He said I must be in my Father's house, Mary never questioned it, but she again treasured it and pondered it in her heart.

The results of treasuring, pondering and digesting, what she had heard was now going to come to pass.

Scripture

- **John 2:5 (New International Version, ©2011)**

⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

This is the first miracle that Jesus performed because Mary spoke with authority and believed what she spoke.

It is the same with us. We need to do and not just hear.