

## LIFE CHANGING STORIES FROM THE BIBLE

### “LIVING DAILY BY THE LIGHT OF THE BIBLE”

We read these wonderful words in Psalm 119:105 “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.” The word here is God’s word, the Bible. Have you ever tried to walk along a path in pitch blackness, you can’t see anything ahead of you or anything behind you or at either side of you, at any moment you might bang into a tree, fall into a hole or some other disaster. Or even worse walking along a narrow ridge on the side of a steep cliff in complete darkness where one false step could cause you to fall to your death. Well that is a perfect picture of a Christian that tries to live the Christian life without daily reading, meditating and following the light on their pathway given by God through his word.

If you lose your appetite for reading the bible it means things have come into your life between you and God, you have been eating too many sweets of this world and have lost you healthy appetite for God and his word. When we are right with God the bible is an exciting book, it is a light to our path. If we are not right with God then the bible becomes a dull uninteresting book. It is like a lamp that has no light or just a dull feeble light.

You can always tell how you are doing spiritually by how exciting the bible is. There is an exception to what I have been saying for there are some people who are very interested in the bible but they are not particularly spiritual or that close to God. They are like people who study the lamp, its colour, any cracks or blemishes, etc. etc. but they never use it as a light to light up their path. On the other hand there are those who study the bible like that but also, use it as a lamp.

There are many paths in life that we can take but the best path is the path God has chosen for us and he can guide us along that path by the light of his word. This is the way of true success. See what God says about the blessed man or woman in Psalm 1:2-3. “But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.”

The law of the Lord is the, “ written word” that we call the bible. He “delights” in it because it is like a letter or email you receive from someone you love. He reads it over and over and thinks about and repeats special parts to himself day and night. Some parts he can’t understand but the parts that speak to his heart he constantly thinks of. He or She find that God is beginning to guide them through his word. He is giving them wisdom to make right choices and wisdom to avoid wrong choices, they are like a tree bearing fruit and being a blessing to others.

They prosper in the sight of God because they are walking the path he planned for them. They are proving the words of Jesus in actual experience, "Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God." Matthew 4:4.

You may say how will I know when it is God speaking to me and not just my imagination? We go again to a verse we have shared before, John 7:17 "If anyone chooses to do God's will, he will find out whether my teaching comes from God or whether I speak on my own."

Here Jesus is speaking to the doubters who did not believe he was the Son of God. Their problem was they were not really willing to fully surrender to God and be willing to do God's will. When you are surrendered you know when God is speaking to you.

As you read and meditate on the Word he gives you his general teaching how he wants you to live, but sometimes you will get a direct message from the word that relates to your present circumstances, you know it is God speaking and showing clearly a light on the path he is leading you along.

So go forward daily with the lamp he has given you and walk his path.

**A CHRISTIAN WALKING IN A WORLD OF  
UNCERTAINTY AND SIN.**



**A LIGHT ON THE PATHWAY  
OF OUR CHRISTIAN LIFE.**

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