

**HOW THE BIBLE CHANGES US**  
**40 Days In The Word – Part 2**  
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*“The Lord merely spoke and the heavens were created. He breathed the word, and all the stars were born!”* **Psalm 33:6 (NLT)**

Jesus: *“The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life!”* **John 6:63 (NIV)**

*“The Word of God is LIVING and ACTIVE. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.”* **Hebrews 4:12 (NIV)**

“Living” = **Zao** = *to live!*

“Active” = **Energes** = Like

**HOW DOES GOD’S LIVING WORD CHANGE ME?**

1. **IT RECREATES MY LIFE**

*“He chose to give us birth through the word of truth...”* **James 1:18 (NIV)**

*“And how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.”* **2 Timothy 3:15 (NIV)**

*“You have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring Word of God.”* **1 Peter 1:23 (NIV)**

*“Humbly accept the Word planted in you, which can save you.”* **James 1:21 (NIV)**

2. **IT ERADICATS MY GUILT**

*“If we confess our sins to God he is faithful and just to forgive us and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”* **1 John 1:9 (NIV)**

*“There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”* **Romans 8:1 (NIV)**

*“...Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the Word.”* **Ephesians 5:25-26 (NIV)**

*“You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you.”* **John 15:3 (NIV)**

3. **IT ACTIVATES MY FAITH**

*“Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the Word of Christ.”* **Romans 10:17 (NIV)**

4. IT STIMULATES MY GROWTH

*“I commit you to God and to the Word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.”* **Acts 20:32 (NIV)**

*“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”* **2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NIV)**

**TEACHING**—Shows the path to walk on

**REBUKING**—Shows how we got off the path

**CORRECTING**—Shows how to get back on the path

**TRAINING**—Shows how to stay on the path

5. IT ILLUMINATES MY MIND

*“Understanding your Word brings light to the minds of ordinary people.”*  
**Psalms 119:130 (CEV)**

*“I have more insight than all my teachers, for I meditate on your statutes.”* **Psalms 119:99 (NIV)**

*“Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.”* **Psalms 119:105 (NIV)**

**This Week’s Memory Verse:**

*“Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law!”* **Psalms 119:18 (NIV)**

6. IT ELEVATES MY MOOD

*“Everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.”* **Romans 15:4 (NIV)**

*“You’re my place of quiet retreat; I wait for your Word to renew me.”* **Psalms 119:114 (MSG)**

7. IT LIBERATES MY POTENTIAL

*“If you continue in My Word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free!”* **John 8:31-32 (NAS)**

## HOW DO I GAIN THESE BENEFITS?

1. LEARN IT!

*Jesus: "Your trouble is that you don't know the Scriptures..."* **Mark 12:24 (LB)**

2. ACCEPT IT AS MY AUTHORITY

*"When you received the Word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the Word of God, which is at work in you who believe."* **1 Thessalonians 2:13 (NIV)**

3. ACT ON IT!

*"Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you DO them."* **John 13:17 (NIV)**

