

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Psalms 119:105

Spiritual Growth

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A Journey

To Christlikeness

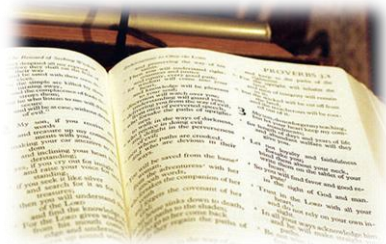
Hebrews 4:12

“For 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.” (ESV)



1 Peter 1:23

“since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God.” (ESV)



How is God's word alive and active?

- **Alive in itself**



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- **Alive in itself**
- **Up to date**



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- **Life giving (James 1:18)**



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- **Sustains life (1 Peter 2:2;
John 6:35)**



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- **Alive in itself**
- **Up to date**
- **Life giving**
- **Sustains life**
- **Transforms lives (Romans 12:2)**



Why Study God's Word



➤ For spiritual growth

- 1 Peter 2:2
- 1 Corinthians 3:1-2
- Colossians 2:6-7



- For spiritual growth
- For victory over sin (Ephesians 6)



- For spiritual growth
- For victory over sin
- For effective service



- For spiritual growth
- For victory over sin
- For effective service
- For teaching others (2 Timothy 2:2)



Using God's Word



General Steps

- **Believe God's word**



General Steps

- **Believe God's word**
- **Study God's word (2 Timothy 2:15)**



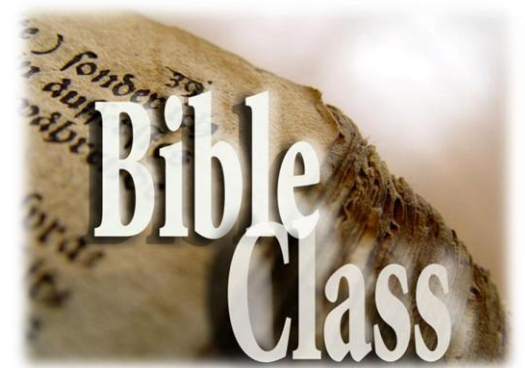
General Steps

- **Believe God's word**
- **Study God's word**
- **Obey God's word**



Specific Steps

- **Directed study**



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- **Directed study**
- **A.C.Tive Learning**



Specific Steps

- Directed study
- A.C.Tive Learning
 - ✓ **A**ttend
 - ✓ **C**onsider
 - ✓ **T**ake Action



Specific Steps

- **Directed study**
- **Active Learning**
- **Devotional learning**



**There is no
“Magic Bullet”**

