

The Key to Life

✖ I first got excited about the word years ago when I read what my husband's mother had written in the front of a Bible she gave Ken for his birthday: "Ken, precious, seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these other things will be added unto you. Matthew 6:33."

I had never heard anything like that. And we needed a lot of "things," so that Scripture got my attention. I started studying the Bible to learn more.

What I found changed my life. I discovered that the Bible is a treasure house. I found that God's Word would meet every need. That was such good news to me that I got excited about it!

The Bible tells us that the Word is life to us. It will quicken us in our spirits. Psalm 119:25 says, "Quicken thou me according to thy word" (KJV). E.W. Bullinger's Companion Bible says that passage means "Give me life" or "Keep me alive according to Thy word."

When our spirits are quickened, our flesh is also quickened. As I study the Word, something happens on the inside that I can almost feel physically.

The more I give myself to time in the Word and prayer, the more revelation I receive and the more accurately I live my life.

When we receive revelation from God's Word we become like the man described in Matthew 13 who found the pearl of great price. He recognized that what he had found was worth everything he had.

"The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it" (vv. 45-46, NKJV).

The manifestation of the kingdom of heaven-heaven taking over our affairs, making our bodies well, saving our children, causing us to prosper and so on-is worth everything we have. It's worth every effort we make to experience it. We must get into the Word if we desire to learn about the kingdom of God and understand how it operates. To obtain victory in any area, we must find out what God has said about the matter in His Word. After that our part is to believe-to trust and know that His Word is true. Then we must set our words and life in agreement with the Scripture.

It's important to decide that the Word of God is the ultimate truth in every situation (see John 17:17). Jesus said, "'And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free'" (John 8:32).

When you find out what the Scripture says about a particular situation, faith can be established in your heart, which will influence your soul (your mind, will and emotions). Romans 10:17 says, "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

You can't stand effectively on "blind" faith. You must have a "knowing" faith, and that comes from believing wholeheartedly what the Word promises. You know God has spoken it and declared it to be so, and you know you can depend on that.

Keep the truth of the Word going in your eyes and ears until it comes out in faith-filled words and is manifest in your life. God has provided you with a lifetime of benefits.

Remember: It is God "who forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from destruction, who crowns you with loving kindness and tender mercies, who satisfies your mouth with good things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him, and His righteousness to children's children" (Ps.

103:3-5,17-18).

Considering the blessings the Lord has in store, isn't it time for you to dig into the Scriptures and begin to believe what they say about you?

Get excited about the Word-and your life will be blessed!

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