

# GOD'S WORDS FOR EVERYDAY LIVING

## Introduction

- 1) **2 Peter 1:2-4** – God has provided “*all things that pertain to life and godliness*”
    - a) Through the power of God and knowledge of Christ revealed through the apostles of Jesus
    - b) Included are exceedingly great and precious promises by which we may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust
  - 2) What we have through God's word is the means to be godly and successful in everyday life
    - a) God's words are real, relevant, precious, and applicable to everyday living
    - b) At home, work, school, and recreation; while on vacation, at the movies, on the farm, in a business meeting, at a funeral, on a date, at a concert, in the voting booth, at a family reunion. with a client, renter, friend, enemy, preacher, elder, at worship, in a class; when I'm happy, sad, afraid, nervous, depressed, angry; when I am obedient and when I am sinful, etc, etc.
  - 3) We must “keep our head on straight” at all times and God's word guiding us (Prov. 4:20-27)
- I) **“Ponder the Path of Your Feet” – *Considering Our Words and Actions (Proverbs 4:26)***
- A) It is vitally important to consider our choices in life and their consequences
    - 1) Times of decision: career, mate, friends, reputation, discipline, home, etc. (Matt. 6:33)
  - B) “What are my goals today? Tomorrow? Next week? Next year? End of life? (Phil. 3:13-14)
    - 1) What rules of conduct (ethics) do I live by? Will I stick to them no matter what?
- II) **“Whatever Things Are True, Noble, Just, Pure, Lovely, Good Report, Virtuous, Praiseworthy” – *Judging Matters Accurately (Philippians 4:8)***
- A) A spiritual template by which to consistently judge matters of life properly
    - 1) Think on genuine, honorable, right, decent, clean, beautiful, noble, excellent, praiseworthy
  - B) All Christians need the ability to discern good from evil (Heb. 5:14; 1 Thess. 5:21-22)
  - C) My “worldview” should be formed and maintained to see and judge as God does
- III) **“We Should Live Soberly, Righteously, and Godly in This Present Age” – *Living as a Christian 24/7 (Titus 2:12)***
- A) There is a way a Christian is to live in this world – according to the will of God
    - 1) Salt of the earth and light of the world (Matt. 5:13-16)
    - 2) Blameless, harmless, and without fault (Phil. 2:15)
    - 3) Seek peace and do not anger others unnecessarily (1 Cor. 10:31-33)
    - 4) Avoid ungodly and unrighteous behavior and words (Col. 4:3-6)
  - B) We must react and handle all issues and problems with the character of a Christian
  - C) Understand that most politicians, doctors, psychologists, psychiatrists, and other worldly experts do not have your spiritual welfare as their primary concern
- IV) **“Bringing Every Thought into Captivity to the Obedience of Christ” – *Letting God Control Our Minds (2 Corinthians 10:5)***
- A) Our minds must be under the full influence of God's word through Christ
  - B) See and react to events, people, problems, and issues as God would want us to
    - 1) Our thoughts are the source of our words and actions (Prov. 23:7)

## Conclusion

With these spiritual principles we can run a winning race of life, fight the good fight against evil, and keep the faith of God's revelation alive in our lives *every day*. May we carefully and faithfully apply the truth of God to our everyday lives as we strive for eternal life.