# God's Word In You

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## INTRODUCTION

- And yet your attitude toward God's word is critical and essential to a right expression of faith and service before God.
- Tuning God out is a sure recipe for disaster in your life.
- In Colossians 3 and verse 16, we're told to let the word of Christ richly dwell within us.

## 1 Developing Strong Convictions

**Psalm 119; 1 John 2:14; Hebrews 3:4**

- When you rely upon God's word, it is not necessary to agonize over the doubts that accompany human intuition.
- We need to read to learn. And learn to live.
- Thy word I have treasured in my heart that I might not sin against thee.
- I have written to you, young men, because you are strong. And the word of God abides in you. And you have overcome the evil one.
- When people become weak, it is because they have not spent sufficient time in the word developing convictions.
- Every house is built by someone, but the builder and maker of all things is God.

## 2 Trusting in the Lord

**Psalm 146:3–6; Romans 3**

- When you rely upon God's word, it is not necessary to qualify some man to trust in.
- The Bereans were more noble-minded than those of Thessalonica because they searched the scriptures daily to see whether those things are so.
- Do not trust in princes, in mortal man in whom there is no salvation.
- What we need to make sure that we trust in is God's truth.
- Who is our confidence in? Let it be the Lord.

## 3 Willing to Stand Out Among Our Religious Neighbors

- When you rely upon God's word, it is not necessary to adopt a preformulated and fluid creed institutionalized religion.
- It is not necessary to embrace the religious error that dominates so many groups of our time.
- We'll be distinct among our religious neighbors as we stand upon God's truth.

## 4 Finding Happiness in the Lord

**Psalm 146:5; Galatians 5; 2 Timothy 2:15**

- When you rely upon God's word, it is not necessary to fall under the influence of your emotions or the emotions of others.
- But our faith is not based on things we feel.
- We need to be convinced that real happiness is found in doing the Lord's will in our lives.
- Real happiness comes from the knowledge I have done what God wanted me to do.
- But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such things there is no law.
- If you're going to grow as a Christian, you're going to have to push yourself.

THE CHALLENGE

Are you a Christian? Have you done the things that we've talked about that I'm so convinced absolutely are so? What it takes to become a Christian. Have you done that? And can we assist you in doing that tonight?

MY NOTES