

Our direction finder

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Over the years I have read much about the importance of God's Holy Word and I have read many scriptures, but it is only recently that the relevance of God's Holy Word (The Bible) has become so important to me. My concern amongst God's people is not ISIS or Al Qaeda or any other group that is hell bent on killing God's believers, but my main concern is compromise and heresy within the fold. Jesus warns us very clearly to be careful about wolves who parade around in sheep's clothing. When we see international Christian leaders saying that the Bible is of no importance in society and if it keeps getting quoted it will have no consequence in society today. That type of terminology concerns me deeply. Especially when it comes to young people who are really seeking direction. At the end of the day if you take the Bible out of the equation you have nothing left. Everything we believe, everything we stand for comes from God's Holy Word. Jesus says that He puts His Word above His name. He says that heaven and earth will pass away, but His Word will never pass away. Jesus says He came to fulfil The Word, not to take anything away from it. Therefore the Old Testament is equally as important as the New Testament.

In fact if we look at 1 John 5:7 (NKJV) "For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one." Therefore we see that Jesus Christ is in fact The Word and The Word is Christ. If we look at John 1:1 (NKJV) we see one's again the importance of God's Holy Bible, it says "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." So how can we say in modern day society that the Word of God has no more relevance. I would say it is more important today than ever

before, because if there is any dispute we need to go back to the Bible. I am not interested in your opinion and you should not be interested in my opinion, we are only concerned about God's opinion. The legacy which I am determined to leave my family and the body of Christ is the importance of God's Word, because when everything else departs God's Word will stand. As we see in Amos 8:11 the Lord warns us that the days are coming when there will be a famine in the land, not a famine for bread, not a thirst for water, but of hearing the Words of the Lord. So you and I are custodians of God's Holy Word on earth until we go home to be in heaven, and we preserve the Word as it stands. Nothing added to it, nothing taken away from it, because the Bible tells us clearly that if we adjust this Bible at all every plague in the Book will come upon us. I cannot stress enough how God has spoken to me about the importance of speaking His unadulterated Word without any apology whatsoever. I want to be His Colporteur. Now a colporteur is a man in the early days that would go from door to door selling The Bible. He carried a rug sack and he took Bible's from door to door, in the country, in the city marketing the Word of God. What a noble way to live one's life.

In the Word of God we have everything we need. The Word of God is our compass, our direction finder (Psalm 119:105, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."), it is healing (James 5:16 "The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much."), it instructs us how to anoint the sick with oil and pray the prayer of faith which will heal the sick. Indeed if you are reading this article and you are lacking faith in these hard times in which we are living then you need to get into this Book and read it systematically. Not randomly.

Starting maybe in the Book of Psalms and then going across to the Gospel of John. Reading a portion each day and then applying it to your life, because The Bible says in Romans 10:17 (NKJV) "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

If you are having problems with your family and priorities at home then you need to apply what the Bible tells us about the model family. E.g. Husbands love your wives, wives submit to your husbands. Children respect your elders, elders don't antagonise your children, and then you will see a difference in your family literary over night, but the problem is many of us and some of us are even Preachers, tend to water down The Bible. We side step issues that are of relevance, because we don't want to offend people. The Bible is a life saver, but the Bible can also be a tremendous offence to those who are wrestling with God.

So God has given me a "mandate" and He has told me that in the last chapters of my life I need to start preaching The Word more sincerely, telling less stories about other things and getting back to the lifesaving Word of God. I really want to say to you, my dear friend, it will be a good thing for you to start memorising scripture and hide it in your heart, because we do not know what the future holds for us. We know that we are living in the last days and those of us who are Bible speaking believers are going to be severely tested before the coming of the Lord. If you want to leave something for your children, leave them The Word of God. In closing the Lord says clearly in Proverbs 3:5-6 (NKJV), "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths."