

READ THE WORD

When we are born again, that is , when we believe the Blood of Jesus for the forgiveness of our sins and when we accept His Lordship, we move into a different dimension. We move from the tyranny of flesh into the liberty of spirit. There is a shift to the spiritual dimension.

But as we live in a world which is so full of sensual pleasure is it possible for us to live a life according to the Scriptures?

1 John 3:9 (NKJV) ⁹Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God.

We say we are born of God, but we are so trapped in the desires of the senses. As we are created from the dust, even when we have the seed of God in us, there is a pull towards the flesh and its desires.

This is a very very big problem to most of us. Is it possible to live in the liberty of the Spirit and not to slip into the trappings of the fleshly desires?

Let us turn to the Scriptures.

The sweet singer of Israel David earnestly prays :

Psalms 119:25 (NKJV) ²⁵ My soul clings to the dust;

Revive me according to Your word.

The Word of God is the water with which we have to clean our soul everyday to rid itself of all the dust that clings to it.

This is the prayer of Jesus :

John 17:17 (NKJV) ¹⁷Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

The more we read the Word the more our hearts will move away from the desires of the senses. The inverse is also true. The more we are trapped in the lust of the eyes, lust of the flesh and the pride of life, the less and less will be our desire to read the Word of God.

Reading the Word of God is not merely going to transform us into impeccably pure creatures, but we have to read and absorb into our soul and practice it.

Our Sunday school children memorize many chapters blindly. When they learn it without understanding it will not be of any use to them. But when we get into a relationship with God and read the Bible as His love letter written to us, then the Word starts to transform our hearts.

I don't condemn the rote learning of children learning Bible verses. In fact when I was a child , in the school where I studied we were taught Bible verses everyday and being part of Sunday school, I had memorized many verses. Back then I didn't understand. But when my relationship with God became very real all those verses which I had memorized leaped alive.

I am so thankful that I learnt so many Bible verses when I was a child. Keeping the verses in our heart is a very healthy spiritual exercise. If you have not memorized it earlier do it now.

Psalms 119:9 (NKJV) ⁹ How can a young(anyone) man cleanse his way?

By taking heed according to Your word.

Read the Word of God. There is no substitute, absolutely NO SUBSTITUTE to the Word of God.

My dear friend if you have trouble reading the Word of God, try this.

Go to a private place , go on your knees, take the Bible and read Psalm 119(fully) as a prayer. You can also pray together but let your hearts be in unison.

Psalm 119 is the best prayer to get initiated to loving the Word of God. You will never ever regret this.

God bless.