



Hearing and Doing the Word of God

Day 17 Hearing and Doing The Word of God

“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. --Matthew 7:24

And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand.--Matthew 7:26

But he answered them, “My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it.”--Mark 8:21

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like.

Putting on the armor has been a way for me to draw nearer to God. Reading the word daily has been another way. But just reading the word isn't enough. We have to do what it says too! Sin, or acting contrary to the word of God, places us distant from God. Thankfully, we can repent and draw closer to God, be in agreement with Him again. And being close to God is like having your big burly brother near, discouraging the neighborhood bullies from beating up on you! This, of course, is only one small benefit of being close to God.

Day 17 Prayer

Lord, please help me to gird up my loins with the truth. Help me to not only understand the truth, but to live it out. Help others to see the truth through my actions.

Father, help me to put on the breastplate of righteousness. Your righteousness has made me clean, but I don't want to grieve your spirit. So please Lord, help me to act in agreement with your word. Forgive me if I have sinned and help me to walk in your ways.

Lord, please help me get my feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of Peace. Help me to tell someone today about the good news found written in your word. Help me to bring others closer to you by sharing your word today.

Father, help me to take up the shield of faith. Give me faith like Abraham, who heard you speak and also obeyed. You commanded him to sacrifice his only beloved son. As he prepared to obey, you stopped him, knowing that he did not withhold even his son. Thank you for this example of great faith.

Father, please help me put on the helmet of salvation. As Abraham did not withhold his only beloved son, so You did not withhold Your only beloved Son, Jesus. Thank you for your great sacrifice. Thank you for the lovingkindness you showed by taking the punishment for our sins yourself.

Lord, please help me take up the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Help me to spend time in your word each day. Help me please to put in into action and stay in agreement with your word.