

**CONQUERING MEDIOCRITY
THROUGH
THE WORD OF GOD
Part IV**

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When we decide to conquer a basic, mediocrity, hum drum Christian life and we say we tired of this and it's time to change, at that time why do we place a high priority on the Word of God? The reason is, the Word of God is alive and it can be alive in you and give you the ability to conquer mediocrity.

Hebrews 4:12 (NIV)

¹² For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

What makes that important?

John 1: 1-8 (NIV)

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. ⁶ There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. ⁸ He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

John 1:14 (NIV)

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Because everyone faces discouragement - even some of the greatest people in the Bible. **For example, Jeremiah** – he was frustrated, he was discouraged and probably struggling with some depression. To be honest, he was ready to give up. It wasn't someone nor was it a drive within himself that motivate him but it was something that was **alive in him** and that was the Word of God.

Let's go to the scriptures -

Jeremiah 20:8-9 (NKJV)

⁸ For when I spoke, I cried out; I shouted, "Violence and plunder!" Because the word of the LORD was made to me A reproach and a derision daily.

⁹ Then I said, "I will not make mention of Him, Nor speak anymore in His name." But *His word* was in my heart like a burning fire Shut up in my bones; I was weary of holding *it* back, And I could not.

Even David as a young man learned the value of the Word of God by memorizing it.

Psalm 39:1-3 (NIV)

¹ I said, "I will watch my ways and keep my tongue from sin; I will put a muzzle on my mouth as long as the wicked are in my presence."

² But when I was silent and still, not even saying anything good, my anguish increased.

³ My heart grew hot within me, and as I meditated, the fire burned; then I spoke with my tongue:

Psalm 19:14 (NKJV)

¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my strength and my Redeemer.

How do we do that? By conquering mediocrity

Ok teach me the steps:

How to Conquer Mediocrity

1. Memorize the word of God
2. Personalize the word of God
3. Analyze the word of God
4. Visualize the word of God

5. Verbalize the word of God

1. Memorize

a. Psalm 119:9-11 (NIV)

9 How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word. 10 I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. 11 I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

b. Exodus 14:13-14 (NIV)

¹³ Moses answered the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the LORD will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. ¹⁴ The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still."

c. James 1:6 (NIV)

But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.

d. 1 Corinthians 16:13 (NIV)

Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong.

e. 1 Peter 5:8,9 (NIV)

⁸ Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

f. Ephesians 6:13-14

¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place,

g. James 4:6-7

h. Isaiah 41:10

i. John 16:33

j. Luke 21:33

k. Romans 1:16

l. Psalm 107:20

m. Isaiah 55:11

2. Personalize

a. 2 Corinthians 10:3-5

b. Psalm 23

c. Philippians 4:6-8

3. Analyze

a. 2 Timothy 1:7

b. James 1:20

4. Visualize

a. 2 Corinthians 4:17-18

Faith + word = vision

b. Hebrews 11:7

c. Hebrews 11:24-28

d. Romans 4:17

e. Philipians 4:8

5. Verbalize