

**CONQUERING MEDIOCRITY
THROUGH
THE WORD OF GOD
Part VI
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Do you ever feel you're a dollar short and a day late? Let me explain it this way how many of you grew up with older sister and maybe you were the baby?

Olivia (11) and Ava (7) assigned Ezra (4) to be the baby sitter and he was tired of it and told his mother so. Something are not as easy solved as telling your mother. :=) **put Picture up now.**

When you really face crises in life where do you turn? A general answer is to God which is right, but primarily how does God speak to us? **Well In general God speaks in many ways, through preaching, teaching, singing, reading, the Holy Spirit, prophesy, and other spiritual gifts, nature , natural events and the list continues.** But primarily how does God speak to us?

He speaks through his word, that's the reason we have spent six lessons on the subject **CONQUERING MEDIOCRITY THROUGH THE WORD OF GOD**

What is our responsibility to the Word of God?

Remember the 5 steps we are studying. In our last lesson we covered the first three. That leaves 2 steps.

- 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**

A quick review;

1. Memorize the word of God

Psalm 119:9-11 (NIV)

⁹ How can a young man keep his way pure? 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.

Luke 21:33 (NIV)

³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

Romans 1:16 (NIV)

¹⁶ I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.

Psalm 107:20 (NIV)

²⁰ He sent forth his word and healed them; he rescued them from the grave.

Isaiah 55:11 (NIV)

¹¹ so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

2. Personalize the word of God

Psalm 23:1-6 (NIV) 17 times in six verses

¹ The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. ² He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, ³ he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. ⁴ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶ Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

This is my Bible this is God's word to me---

3. Analyze the word of God

Do not be controlled by others, what they say or do, remember; God is watching you. This may be more about **your response to the situation** than the event itself.

2 Timothy 1:7 (NIV)

⁷ For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.

James 1:20 (NIV)

²⁰ for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires.

You are a child of God, act like it.

4. Visualize the word of God

The secular world has stolen this from us; **if you do not visualize good things from God, satan will place images in your spirit that will trouble you.**

I'm not talking about fantasizing, that can be sadistic or at the least a waste of time.

Biblical visualize is the ability to see the promises of God before they are fulfilled. **Repeat!**

Acts 2:17 (NIV)

¹⁷ "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, **your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.**

2 Corinthians 4:18 (NIV)

¹⁸ So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

Hebrews 11:7 (NIV)

⁷ By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark

to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that comes by **faith**.

Hebrews 11:24-28 (NIV)

²⁴ By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. ²⁵ He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a short time. ²⁶ He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward. ²⁷ By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible. ²⁸ By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel.

Romans 4:17 (NIV)

¹⁷ As it is written: "I have made you a father of many nations." He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed--the God who gives life to the dead and calls things that are not as though they were.

5. Verbalize the word of God

Matthew 17:20 (NIV)

²⁰ He replied, "Because you have so little faith. I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.

Matthew 21:21 (NIV)

²¹ Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only can you do what was done to the fig tree, but also you can say to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and it will be done.

Matthew 4:1-11 (NIV)

¹ Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil.

² After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³ The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

⁴ Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" ⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. ⁶ "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: "'He will command his

angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" ⁷ Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. ⁹ "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me." ¹⁰ Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'" ¹¹ Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.