

What Should Dwell in the Heart?

Overview: To be a Manifested Son of God requires a heart commitment. When we put the Word of God in our hearts and guard the Word in our hearts; and when we guard our hearts from those things that are not the Word of God we set in motion the spiritual processes that result in the manifestation of the glory of God through our lives.

A. The Engrafted Word

1. The Word in your heart

- a. Receive with meekness the engrafted Word [into your heart] and do it. James 1:21-22
James 1:21 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.
James 1:22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.
- b. Plant the Word in the soil of your heart. Mark 4:20
Mar 4:20 And these are they which are sown on good ground; such as hear the word, and receive it, and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred.
- c. Keep the Word in your heart. Prov 4:20-22
Pro 4:20 My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings.
Pro 4:21 Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart.
Pro 4:22 For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.
- d. Let the Word of God dwell richly in you. Col 3:16
Col 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.
- e. If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you. John 15:7
Joh 15:7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.
- f. You are strong and the Word of God abides in you. 1 John 2:12-14
1Jn 2:12 I write unto you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for his name's sake.
1Jn 2:13 I write unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I write unto you, young men, because ye have overcome the wicked one. I write unto you, little children, because ye have known the Father.
1Jn 2:14 I have written unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one.

2. Growing in the Word

- a. Desire the sincere milk of the Word. 1 Pet 2:1-2
1Pe 2:1 Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings,
1Pe 2:2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:
- b. Milk – for babies, immature believer. 1 Cor 3:2; Heb 5:12-13
1Co 3:1 And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ.
1Co 3:2 I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able.

Heb 5:12 For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.

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- c. Meat – for maturing believer.

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Heb 5:14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

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- e. Wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of God.

Eph 1:17-18

Eph 1:17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:

Eph 1:18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

Eph 1:19 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,

- f. What do you do with the Word?

Read, Study, Meditate, Speak and Do the Word. 2 Tim 2:15; Jos 1:8; Titus 3:8; Jam 1:22

2Ti 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Jos 1:8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

Tit 3:8 This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.

Jas 1:22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

B. Jesus, the Anointed One

1. That Christ would dwell (take up residency) in your hearts by faith.

Eph 3:17

Eph 3:16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;

Eph 3:17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,

2. Christ IN you the hope of Glory.

Col 1:27

Col 1:27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

3. In Jesus dwelt all of God, and all of Jesus dwells in us making us complete. Col 2:9-10

Col 2:9 For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

Col 2:10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:

4. In these earthen vessels dwells the treasure of the glory of God. 2 Cor 4:7
2Co 4:7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

C. Trust in God

1. Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Prov 3:1-8
Pro 3:1 My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments:
Pro 3:2 For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee.
Pro 3:3 Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart:
Pro 3:4 So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man.
Pro 3:5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.
Pro 3:6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.
Pro 3:7 Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil.
Pro 3:8 It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones.
2. We trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men. 1 Tim 4:10
1Ti 4:10 For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe.
3. Put the full weight of our being on Him. Heb 6:12 AMPC
Heb 6:12 In order that you may not grow disinterested and become [spiritual] sluggards, but imitators, behaving as do those who through faith (by their leaning of the entire personality on God in Christ in absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom, and goodness) and by practice of patient endurance and waiting are [now] inheriting the promises.
4. Trust God and He will keep you in perfect peace. Isa 26:3
Isa 26:3 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

D. Praise and Worship

1. Singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. Col 3:16
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2. Singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord. Eph 5:19
Eph 5:19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;
3. Let us offer the sacrifice of praise to Him continually. Heb 13:15
Heb 13:15 By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.