**Reminder Sunday: The battles in 2023**

**God’s Word is the weapon we need in the battle for our minds**

**The Life-changing Word of God…**

**1. Is a key instrument to bring eternal life – Lk. 8:11-12; Jas. 1:18**

**2. Is a vital instrument of growth – 2 Tim. 3:16-17; Col. 3:16 (Teaching, reproof…)**

* **Reveals needed areas of growth – Heb. 4:11-13**
* **Helps keep us from sin and preserve our lives – Ps. 119:11, 133; Jas. 1:21**
* **A source of truth – Jn. 17:17**
* **Gives us understanding needed for life – Ps. 119:130, 169**
* **Reliable – Ps. 33:4; 56:4, 10; 119:89, 160**
* **Reveals and reminds us of our true identity – Jas. 2:23-24**
* **Gives clear direction in life Ps. 119:9, 105**
* **Is a proven protection in life – Ps. 18:30; 119::114**
* **Gives encouragement and hope - Rom. 15:4**
* **Helps develop faith - Rom. 10:17**
* **Delivers us in life from persecution - 2 Tim. 3:10-15**
* **Helps revive and strengthen us in trouble - 119:25, 28, 50, 107, 119, 154**
* **Valuable for this life and reward in the next – Ps. 19:7-11**
* **Is vital in the battle “in heavenly places” – Eph. 6:17-18**
* **Is the source of wisdom, knowledge, understanding, prudence, discretion, discernment, diligence – Proverbs**
* **Brings productivity, stability, and blessing – Ps. 1**

**3. Is used by God to accomplish His purposes – Isa. 55**

**Four Key Highlights from our list: God uses His Word…**

**1. To bring eternal life - Lk. 8:11-12; Jas. 1:18**

**2. To show and remind us of our true identity**

* **In the flesh – Rom. 7:14-25**
* **In our “inner man” – Rom. 7:22; James 1:23-24**

**3. To reveal and help in needed areas of growth and change – Heb. 4:11-13; 2 Tim. 3:16-17; Proverbs**

* **Do you want to know how to better deal with lust and immorality?**
* **Do you want to know sound principles of child-rearing?**
* **Do you want God’s definition of a great wife?**
* **Do you want the right view of work? Of drinking? Of friendships? Of talking? Of laziness? Of what a man should be? Of how to get knowledge, wisdom, understanding, prudence, discretion, discernment, and diligence?**
* **This book is for you!**

**What we need to do:**

* **Dive in! Prov. 2:1-9; Acts 17:11; Col. 3:16; 1 Tim. 4:7-8**
* **Bible plans are helpful for reminders, stability, discipline**
* **Read/study – 2 Timothy 2:15**
* **Listen – Rom. 10:17**
* **Meditate – Ps. 1**
* **Memorize – Ps. 119:11**

**Rom. 12:1-2**

**The battle today is in no small measure the battle for the mind.**

**We have what we need to win!**