

## What Can God's Word Do For You?

**Intro:** We have been studying God's word concerning the condition of our Heart towards his Word. In the parable of the sower found in Matthew 13:1-23 that the condition of your heart determines whether or not you will be able to receive God's transformational life from His Word and thereby produce spiritual fruit. What you need to see is that through the power of the Holy Spirit God's word can do the impossible in your life.

1. It is able to make me wise unto salvation: **2 Tim 3:15 (NIV)** 15 and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.
2. It can powerfully work in my life: **2 Thess 2:13 (NIV)** 13 But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers loved by the Lord, because from the beginning God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth.
3. It is able to nourish me and help me to grow: **1 Peter 2:2 (NASB)** 2 like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation,
4. It is able to build me up: **Acts 20:32 (NIV)** 32 "Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.
5. It is able to keep me on God's path: **2 Tim 3:16-17 (NIV)** 16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.
6. It can make me strong: **1 John 2:14 (NIV)** 14 I write to you, fathers, because you have known him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God lives in you, and you have overcome the evil one.
7. It can give me assurance: **1 John 5:13 (NIV)** 13 I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.
8. It can keep me from sin: **Psalms 119:11 (NIV)** I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you. **Psalms 119:133 (NIV)** 133 Direct my footsteps according to your word; let no sin rule over me.
9. It can keep me from error: **Matt 22:29 (NIV)** 29 Jesus replied, "You are in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God.
10. It is able to warn me: **1 Cor 10:11-12 (NIV)** 11 These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the fulfillment of the ages has come. 12

So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall!

As Bible readers and Bible believers we ought to be looking for a command to obey, a promise to believe, a sin to avoid, an example to follow, a bad example to shun, and a warning to heed.

11. It enables me to overcome the work of devil against me: **Eph 6:17 (NIV)** 17 Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. **(Ephesians 6:17 and compare Matthew 4:1-12 Jesus defeats satan each time by it is written).**

12. It is able to discern the condition of my heart: **Heb 4:12-13 (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. 13 Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

13. It can keep me from fearing the future: **Matt 24:5-6 (NIV)** 6 You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. **Matt 24:35 (NIV)** 35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

14. It is able to give me a song in my heart: **Colossians 3:16 (NIV)** 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.

15. It is able to give me joy: **Psalms 19:8 (NIV)** 8 The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes. **Psalms 119:111 (NIV)** 111 Your statutes are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart.

16. It can encourage me and cause me to "keep on keeping on": **Romans 15:4 (NIV)** 4 For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

17. It can set me free: **John 8:31-32 (NIV)** 31 To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. 32 Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

18. It can produce a Holy life in you: **John 17:16-17 (NIV)** 16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. 17 Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.

19. It can produce faith in your life: **Romans 10:17 (NIV)** 17 Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.

20. It can inform your prayer life! What should I pray about today? **Matt 6:9 (NIV)** 9 "This,

then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, ... **Matt 9:37-38 (NIV)** 37 Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. 38 Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." **1 John 5:14-15 (NIV)** 14 This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. 15 And if we know that he hears us--whatever we ask--we know that we have what we asked of him.

21. His word can bring healing into our lives: **Psalms 107:20 (NIV)** 20 He sent forth his word and healed them; he rescued them from the grave.

22. It enables me to fulfill the believers call to the Great Commission. **Acts 8:1-4 (NIV)** On that day a great persecution broke out against the church at Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria...4 Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went.

23. It gives the Holy Spirit a weapon to use against the enemy: **Eph 6:17 (NIV)** 17 Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

24. It can save (deliver) my soul: **James 1:19-21 (NIV)** 19 My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, 20 for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires. 21 Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

25. It will show us who Jesus Christ really is, and give us life through him: **John 20:31 (NIV)** 31 But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

**Conclusion:** God's Word can do the Impossible; my question for you today is What will you let God's Word do in Your Life?

**John 6:63 (NIV)** 63 The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.

D.L. Moody, a famous Chicago pastor from 100 years ago, said, "The Bible was not given to increase our knowledge; the Bible was given to change our lives."