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"INTEGRATING GOD'S WORD IN YOUR LIFE"

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PSALM 119:20; JOHN 8:31

CORE STATEMENT: Jesus declared THE mark of a true disciple is consistency in the Word, the Bible.

THE CHALLENGE: Replicating the life of Jesus Christ in a man or woman requires maintaining a daily presence in God's Word!

I. WHAT IT MEANS TO INTEGRATE GOD'S WORD INTO EVERY AREA OF YOUR LIFE

INSIGHT: Integration is the opposite of segregation.

TRUTH: If you don't have an integrated life, your life lacks integrity.

INSIGHT: I am living a life of integrity when I act the same in all areas of my life. To live such a life is to be a man or woman of the Word.

TRUTH: You'll never become a man or woman of the Word unless it's what you want (Psalm 119:20).

II. VERSES TO INTEGRATE THE BIBLE INTO YOUR LIFE

1. Build your life on the Word (Matthew 7:24).

TRUTH: You build your life on either a rock or shifting sand.

Two great temptations of God's people:

- a) Follow the crowd (Exodus 23:2).
- b) Follow emotion (Judges 21:25).

INSIGHT: To live by your feelings is to be emotionally immature.

2. Feed daily on the Word (Colossians 3:16).

How is this done?

- a) Listen to it (Romans 10:17).
- b) Read it.

3. Live by the Word.

TRUTH: The Bible is the standard by which we make life decisions (Psalm 1:1).

TRUTH: You build a life worth living on what God thinks:

- a) It's the Word of God that gives us hope (Psalm 27:13-14).
- b) It's the Word of God that gives strength when we are weak (Isaiah 40:29).
- c) The Word of God gives guidance when we look for direction (Isaiah 30:21).
- d) The Word of God gives endurance when we are weary (Hebrews 12:1-2).

4. Trust the Word (Psalm 119:105).

INSIGHT: Read the Word of God as if your life depended on it.

Two points to remember:

- a) The ultimate stability of each part of your life depends on how well you know God's Word for that area (Deut. 30:11-18).
- b) Lives that are anchored and submissive to God's Word are blessed; lives that are not are cursed (Deut. 29:18-20).