

Deuteronomy Chapter 8:3b

God went to a lot of trouble to instruct His children; He wants His children to know:

Deuteronomy 8:3b “that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord doth man live.”

- This is not a trivial matter, God puts it into context from verse 1:

“¹All the commandments which I command thee this day shall ye observe to do, that ye may live...”

- God’s Word truly is life to us:

Romans 6:23 “For the wages of sin is death...”

- The Word of God keeps us from sin, and death if we allow it:
- Jesus used this same reference, Deuteronomy 8:3b, when He was tempted of the devil:

Matthew 4:3-4 “³And when the tempter came to Him, he said, if thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. ⁴But He answered and said, it is written, man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.”

- Jesus was tempted two other times; each time He responded with “it is written” – with the word of God which was His defense against sin.
- God’s word is our defense against sin as well:

Psalms 119:11 “Thy word have I hid in mine heart that I might not sin against thee.”

- God’s Word is intended to nourish us and sustain us:

1 Peter 2:2 “As newborn babes, desire the sincere / pure milk of the Word, that ye may grow thereby.”

- We don’t, we won’t grow as a Christian apart from God’s Word. (Hallmark Christians).
- When Max see’s the bottle come out, there is a certain fixation that takes place – and when he finally gets a hold of it he is voracious.
- If you ever have the opportunity to look into a baby’s eyes when they’ve got that bottle, it’s not at all unlike national geographic, watching a killer shark consume

it's prey and you might wonder "what's going through that mind?" "What's he thinking?" It's not very complicated.

- I can tell you with a reasonable degree of certainty what he's thinking.... "more, more, more, more..."
- As we mature as Christians, in God's Word, we're just barely a little more refined, but the appetite for God's Word is still there.

Psalm 1:1-3 ¹"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. ²But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in His law doth he meditate day and night. ³And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper."

- The man who's rejected the ways of the world, his delight; the thing that puts a smile on his face, that which gives him comfort and peace, true enjoyment – comes from the word of God.
- If it isn't your delight – then ask God to make it so.

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- When Jesus was ministering to the Samaritan woman at the well, His disciples had gone off to get food for the group. When they returned they tried to get Him to eat what they had brought.

Jesus replied:

John 4:32, 34 ³⁴... I have meat to eat that ye know not of..." – ³⁴Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of Him that sent Me, and to finish His work."

- The thing that sustained Jesus was simply knowing that He was doing the will of God.
- How can we know the will of God in the same way?

Romans 12:2 "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

- How is the transformation and renewing of our minds going to take place? God's Word will have a transformational effect and impact upon our lives.

Hebrews 4:12 "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

Job testified:

Job 23:12 “Neither have I gone back from the commandment of His lips; I have esteemed the words of His mouth more than my necessary food.”

- God’s word is our wisdom:

Psalms 119:130 “The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.”

Psalms 19:7 “The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.”

- God’s Word is our peace:

Psalms 119:165 “Great peace have they that love thy law, nothing shall cause them to stumble.”

- God’s word is our guide through life:

Psalms 119:105 “Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.”

- God’s word is the means by which we understand who God is, it is our picture of God.

Psalms 40:7 “... lo, I come in the volume of the book it is written of Me.”

John 1:14 “And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.”

- It is through God’s word that we understand how to please Him.

Colossians 3:20 “Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.”

Hebrews 11:6 “But without faith it is impossible to please Him.”

- How then do we obtain faith?

Romans 10:17 “Faith then cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”

- God’s word is what makes us different than the rest of the world:

John 17:17 “Sanctify them by thy truth, thy Word is truth.”

- God’s word is the cleansing agent in our lives, it has a purifying effect upon us:

Psalms 119:9 “Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to thy word.”

John 15:3 “Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.”

- God's Word gives us our identity and our freedom:

John 8:31-32 ³¹... if ye continue in My word then are ye my disciples indeed;
³²And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

- God's Word gives us the means to express our love for God:

John 14:21 "He that hath My commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth Me: and he that loveth Me shall be loved of My Father, and I will love him, and will manifest Myself to him."

More importantly God's Word expresses His love for us:

Jeremiah 31:3 "The Lord hath appeared of old unto me, saying, yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with loving kindness have I drawn thee."

Romans 5:8 "But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

Romans 8:35-39 ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, for thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. ³⁷Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us. ³⁸For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

- What should our response to all these things be?

Psalms 116:12-13 ¹²What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me?
¹³I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord."