

“THE WORD OF GOD”

Hebrews 4:12

“For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”

I. “THE WORD OF GOD IS LIVING...”

Some would say the Constitution of the United States is a living document because it can adapt to the changing times through the amendment process. The word of God is a living document because it does not need to change in order to fit the times. Instead, people of all ages must adapt themselves in order to fit it!

A. **1st Peter 1:22-25**

“The word of God... lives and abides forever.”

B. **John 6:63-68**

The word is life because it animates the spirits of those who receive it!

C. **Acts 5:17-20**

The words preached by the apostles are the *“words of this life”*!

II. “THE WORD OF GOD IS... POWERFUL”

A. **1st Peter 1:25; Romans 1:16**

The word is preached by the gospel, which is God’s power to save.

B. **Luke 16:24-31**

It is more powerful than one coming from the dead with the same message.

C. **Matthew 4:1-11; 2nd Corinthians 4:3-4**

It is powerful enough to ward off the devil, which is why he actively tries to suppress it.

D. **Romans 10:17**

The word of God is powerful enough to produce faith.

E. Acts 20:32

By its power, we may be built up and receive an inheritance.

F. Luke 8:4-8, 11-15; Colossians 1:3-6

It is a seed, bearing fruit.

III. "THE WORD OF GOD IS... SHARPER THAN ANY TWO-EDGED SWORD"

A. Ephesians 6:17

The word of God is the Spirit's sword.

B. Acts 2:36-41; 7:54, 57-58; Romans 10:10

We confirm that it is the sharpest sword, because it cuts to the heart. The heart is where faith is conceived. Most swords of human device can cut to the blood pump, but what sword can reveal the intents of the heart?

IV. "THE WORD OF GOD IS... A DISCERNER OF THE THOUGHTS AND INTENTS OF THE HEART"

A. Hebrews 4:13

God knows our hearts, period. His word is the means whereby He makes this information known to us.

B. James 1:23-25

We use the word of God and examine ourselves to reveal our own thoughts and intentions.