

The Bible On Trial

The Book Is Alive

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is alive 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. (NIV)

1. Faith activates the Word

Hebrews 4:2 For we also have had the good news proclaimed to us, just as they did; but the message they heard was of no value to them, because they did not share the faith of those who obeyed. (NIV)

Hebrews 11:6 And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. (NIV)

2. Revelation activates faith

3. Meditation activates revelation

Joshua 1:8 Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. (NIV)

3 Keys To Effective Meditation

1. Accept the authority of the Word

1 Thessalonians 2:13 And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is indeed at work in you who believe. (NIV)

2. Assimilate the truths of the Word

1. Hear it

Romans 10:17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.
(NKJV)

2. Read it

Matthew 4:4 Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" (NIV)

3. Apply the principles of the Word

James 1:22 Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. (NIV)