

APPLYING GOD'S WORD DAILY

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For a few moments let us consider the value of "**applying**" God's word into one's daily life-what benefits can be derived?

Helps us search the inner man. "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." {Hebrews 4:12} God's word can help us get into our minds and evaluate our walk with Him to ensure it is in accordance with His divine will. Daily evaluations can help us not to drift away from the straight and narrow path of truth.

Sanctify our outward walk. "Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth." (John 17:17) When one obeys the gospel of Christ they are "sanctified" for a special purpose. Our lives are to be "set apart" as an example to the world of a better life to live and better goals to pursue. Our works are to cause the Father to be glorified, Matthew 5:16. This is our greatest teaching tool!

To feed our new life. "As newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby." (1 Peter 2:2) Just as we need a daily intake of food and water to sustain our physical body – our soul also needs daily sustenance. What can feed and give nourishment to the soul? Only the word of God has the ability to meet our daily needs of nourishment, spiritually speaking. When one becomes a Christian they are a new creation and beginning walking in a new life, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new." (2 Corinthians 5:17) Also read Romans 6:4. Old ways and habits must give way to a new way of life.

Knowledge is the key to make it possible for one to grow one proverbial inch. Most people will always give daily attention to needs of the physical body to maintain it at a peak performance. One exercises, watches what they eat and gets regular checkups to be sure our bodies are healthy. Can the child of God do less with and not harm to needs of his own soul? Each individual is responsible to make sure the "inner man" is healthy and maintained for peak performance. What about you dear friend, is your spiritual body more healthy than your physical one? ***