

Feed On What You Need
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[Jos 1:8 NASB95] 8 "This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success.

- God wants us to live in His blessing. He wants His blessing to work for us in every area of life. Many Christians do not live in the blessing. Why?
- Joshua 1:8 gives us a lesson that may answer that question.
- God wanted Joshua to feed on the Word to overcome his issue.

What must we know about feeding on God's Word?

Here are four truths about feeding on God's Word.

I. Feeding on God's Word helps us tap into what God has given us.

- a. God wanted Joshua to prosper and be successful. It would only occur after Joshua fulfilled the commandment.
- b. [Eph 1:3 NASB95] 3 Blessed [be] the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly [places] in Christ,
 - i. Has blessed us The Aorist Participle is distinguished from the present or perfect participle in terms of kind of action, not time of action, in that it conceives of action not as in progress (Present) nor as an existing result (Perfect) but as a simple fact. (ntgreek.net)
- c. You already have it. Yet it must be contended for.
- d. [Eph 1:15-18 NASB95] 15 For this reason I too, having heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus which [exists] among you and your love for all the saints, 16 do not cease giving thanks for you, while making mention [of you] in my prayers; 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him. 18 [I pray that] the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,
- e. The blessing of God is potential. It is not automatically effective.

II. Feeding on God's Word in specific areas produces specific results.

- a. [Pro 4:20-22 NASB95] 20 My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings. 21 Do not let them depart from your sight; Keep them in the midst of your heart. 22 For they are life to those who find them And health to all their body.
- b. If he feels pains in his head, let him engage in the study of the Torah, since it is said: 'For they shall be a chaplet of grace unto your head...' If he feels pains in his throat, let him engage in the study of the Torah, since it is said: '... and chains about your neck.' If he feels pains in his bowels, let him engage in the study of the Torah, since it is said: 'It shall be a healing to your navel...' (Proverbs 3:8). If he feels pain in his bones, let him engage in the study of the Torah, since it is said: '... and marrow to your bones...'. If he feels pain in all his body, let him engage in the study of the Torah, since it is said: '... and healing to all his flesh'... Jeff Levin, and Keith Meador, "Healing to All Their Flesh : Jewish and Christian Perspectives on Spirituality, Theology, and Health," West Conshohocken, Pa: Templeton Press, 2012, 107.
- c. Medicine is specific. Antibiotics will not be prescribed for high blood pressure.

III. Feeding on God's Word is not the only thing; it needs to be the first thing.

- a. Joshua had to fight many battles. **He was strategic. He was diligent.**
- b. You will have a part to play.

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- c. God will speak to strategic things to you. [Jas 1:5 NASB95] 5 But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him.
- d. God will expect you to be diligent. [Pro 22:29 NASB95] 29 Do you see a man skilled in his work? He will stand before kings; He will not stand before obscure men.

IV. Feeding on God's Word is to be done consistently.

- a. Day and night.
 - b. [Psa 1:1-3 NASB95] 1 How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, Nor stand in the path of sinners, Nor sit in the seat of scoffers! 2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. 3 He will be like a tree [firmly] planted by streams of water, Which yields its fruit in its season And its leaf does not wither; And in whatever he does, he prospers.
 - c. Regular. Consistent. Unbroken.
 - d. Three areas: Mouth, Mind, and Action.
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- **As we feed on God's Word, we can bring God's promises into our daily lives and overcome the issues that hold us back so we can fulfill His purpose for our lives.**