**ROOTED**

 **ELEMENTS FOR SPENDING TIME WITH GOD**

1. **KNOW THE CHARACTER OF GOD**
2. **IDENTITY IN CHRIST- CROSS/ FORGIVENESS/ REPENTANCE**
3. **WORSHIP**
4. **WORD**
5. **PRAYER**
6. **THANKSGIVING**

**WHY WE NEED THE WORD**

**FOUNDATIONS:**

1. **BIBLE FORMS OUR WORLDVIEW**
2. **BIBLE IS OUR MOST VALUABLE POSSESSION- IT’S PERFECT**
3. **HANDBOOK FOR LIFE – OWNER’S MANUAL**
4. **OUR LIFE AND VALUE ARE DEFINED BY THE WORD**
5. **POWER TO TRANSFORM US**
6. **GUIDANCE AND BOUNDARIES**
7. **TEACHES US RIGHT AND WRONG -PRINCIPLES FOR LIVING**

**MAKING IT PRACTICAL**

1. **MAKE IT A DAILY HABIT**
2. **WE ALL HAVE CHOICES**
3. **ESTABLISH YOUR OWN SECRET PLACE**
4. **PRIORITY OF TIME**
5. **REMOVE DISTRACTIONS**
6. **COLLECT YOUR TOOLS**
7. **INVITE GOD IN**
8. **FRESH MANNA**

**WAYS TO GET IN TO THE WORD**

1. **ONE BOOK AT A TIME**
2. **START TO FINISH USING A PLAN**
3. **AUDIO**
4. **THEME**
5. **INDUCTIVE**
6. **HISTORICAL EVENTS**
7. **COMPARE PASSAGES IN DIFFERENT TRANSLATIONS**
8. **JOURNAL**
9. **GET A GOOD STUDY BIBLE**
10. **STUDY WITH SOMEONE ELSE**

**THINGS TO REMEMBER!**

1. **SUNDAY ISN’T ENOUGH**
2. **BE IN THE WORD FOR YOURSELF**
3. **START SMALL**
4. **DON’T GET IN A RUT**
5. **WARNING ABOUT DEVOTIONALS**
6. **DON’T TAKE THE WORD FOR GRANTED**
7. **DON’T ASSUME YOU ‘KNOW IT ALREADY’**

**SCRIPTURES ABOUT THE WORD**

*This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.*

**Joshua 1:8**

*When he takes the throne of his kingdom, he is to write for himself on a scroll a copy of this law, taken from that of the priest, who are Levites. It is to be with him, and he is to read it all the days of his life so that he may learn to revere the Lord his God and follow carefully all the words of this law and these decrees and not consider himself better than his brothers and turn from the law to the right or to the left. Then he and his descendants will reign a long time over his kingdom in Israel*.

**Deut 17:18-20**

*Do not merely listen to the word and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says! Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror and after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it- he will be blessed in what he does.*

**James 1:22-25**

*For this reason, we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also* ***effectively*** *works in you who believe***.**

**I Thess. 2:13**