

Passionate
Passionate for God's Word
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*Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.
Romans 12:11 (NIV)*

An Evangel Core Value

Biblical Foundation: We believe all Scripture is inspired by God and is our authority and guide for Christian living.

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NIV)

We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. 2 Peter 1:19-21 (NIV)

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. Hebrews 4:12 (NIV)

'The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple. The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes. The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever. The decrees of the Lord are firm, and all of them are righteous. They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb. By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward. Psalms 19:7-11

Built on the Word of God

✓ I've Got to Learn It!

Jesus: "Your trouble is that you don't know the Scriptures..." Mark 12:24 (LB)

✓ I've Got to Accept It!

"When you received the Word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the Word of God, which is at work in you who believe." 1 Thes. 2:13 (NIV)

✓ I've Got to Act on It!

*"Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them."
John 13:17 (NIV)*

HOW?

1. Always Put God's Word First.

✓ Direction

Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path. Psalm 119:105 (NIV)

✓ Protection

*I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.
Psalm 119:11 (NIV)*

✓ Correction

2. Always Make God's Word My Foundation.

✓ You will flourish in life.

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper. Psalm 1:1-3 (NKJV)

✓ You will be able to fight the good fight.

*He sent His word and healed them, and delivered them from their
destructions. Psalm 107:20 NKJV)*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His holy
name! ² Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits: ³ Who
forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases,
Psalm 103:1-3 (NKJV)*

*Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray
over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ And the
prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise
them up. James 5-15 (NIV):*