

THE WORD OF GOD
and
the necessity of its use

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in Psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.
Col. 3:16

If the Bible were so important, it would seem self evident that it should be used. In spite of all its value, it will do us no good unless we draw upon its resources. Yet, in many homes, the Bible rests undisturbed for months and even years. Homes are insured by security devices from insurance companies who place their signs or plaques as a means to notify and ward off would-be burglars. Homeowners install equipment and believe that perhaps the sign will produce a safe feeling (and maybe) a superstitious bit of magic keeping their home from a break in.

There are those among us that regard the Bible in the same manner; a charm to keep away evil, or to win favor with God. Having a Bible in the house seems to give some a sense of assurance. It is wonderful to have reverence for the Book; however, to treat it as if it has magical powers is superstition and even heathenism.

The Bible was given to us to use, reverently, intelligently, constantly and prayerfully. The more we apply its words, the more its treasures are revealed to us.

Our Father, Lord God, in the power of the very name of our Lord Jesus the Christ, help us to desire to use Your Holy Word to see more clearly the Savior revealed. Transform our hearts by Your Holy Spirit that we will hunger for The Bread of Life. Convince us that we need the encouragement and spiritual nourishment that comes from Your Word. Amen

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