

²⁴ *There are four animals in the world that are small, but very, very clever: ²⁵Ants: they are weak, but they store up their food in the summer. ²⁶Rock badgers: they are not strong either, but they make their homes among the rocks.* - Proverbs 30:24-26 (TEV)

²⁴ *“Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. ²⁵Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won’t collapse because it is built on bedrock.”* - Matthew 7:24-25 (NLT)

WHAT THE WORD OF GOD DOES FOR US:

THE WORD OF GOD HUMBLES US

For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. - Matthew 5:18 (NIV)

Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.
- John 17:17 (NIV)

He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created. - James 1:18 (NIV)

● **God chose us before we chose God!**

Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.
- James 1:21 (NIV)

The one who rejects me and does not receive my words has a judge; the word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day.
- John 12:48 (ESV)

THE WORD OF GOD LIBERATES US AND BLESSES US

²³ *Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror ²⁴and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. ²⁵But whoever*

looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do. - James 1:23-25 (NIV)

1. STUDY GOD’S WORD

2. APPLY GOD’S WORD

3. STAY WITH GOD’S WORD

³¹ *...Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. ³²Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”*
- John 8:31-32 (NIV)

¹ *Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, ²but whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who meditates on his law day and night. ³That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither— whatever they do prospers.*
- Psalm 1:1-3 (NIV)

THE WORD OF GOD SHAPES US

¹⁹ *My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, ²⁰because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.*
- James 1:19-20 (NIV)

⁵ *Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said...⁹ “Here I am, I have come to do your will.”*
- Hebrews 10:5, 9 (NIV)