

Making Friends for God: Lesson #7 — Sharing the Word

Memory Verse

Isaiah 55:11 (NKJV) *So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.*

Symbols of God's Word

Light

Psalm 119:105 (NKJV) *Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path. Like the story of Gideon. Woman lights a lamp. 10 virgins.*

Proverbs 6:23 *For the commandment is a lamp, And the law a light;*

2 Peter 1:19 *And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts;*

Fire

Jeremiah 23:29 (NKJV) *“Is not My word like a fire?” says the Lord, “And like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?”*

Jeremiah 5:14 (NKJV) *Therefore thus says the Lord God of hosts: “Because you speak this word, Behold, I will make My words in your mouth fire, And this people wood, And it shall devour them.*

Pentecost, pillar of fire in the wilderness,

Malachi 3:3 (NKJV) *He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver; He will purify the sons of Levi, And purge them as gold and silver, That they may offer to the Lord An offering in righteousness.*

Seed/Bread

Luke 8:11 (NKJV) *“Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. Jesus is coming to harvest the earth.*

Matthew 4:4 (NKJV) *But He answered and said, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.’ ”*

Sword

Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV) *For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*

Ephesians 6:17 (NKJV) *...and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;*

Rock

Matthew 7:24 (NKJV) *“Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: 10 Commandments.*

1 Peter 2:8 (NKJV) *and “A stone of stumbling And a rock of offense.” They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed.*

Matthew 21:44 (NKJV) *And whoever falls on this stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder.”*

The Creative Power of God's Word

John 1:1–3 *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.*

Hebrews 1:1–3 (NKJV) *God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, ² has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; ³ who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,*

Psalm 33:6 (NKJV) *By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, And all the host of them by the breath of His mouth.*

Psalm 33:9 (NKJV) *For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast.*

Hebrews 11:3 (NKJV) *By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.*

2 Peter 3:5 *For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water,*

*“The creative energy that called the worlds into existence is in the word of God. This word imparts power; it begets life. Every command is a promise; accepted by the will, received into the soul, it brings with it the life of the Infinite One. It transforms the nature and re-creates the soul in the image of God”. — Ellen G. White, *Education*, p. 126.*

The Benefits of Studying God's Word

Romans 10:17 (NKJV) *So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

1 Peter 1:22–23 *Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, ²³ having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever,*

2 Peter 1:4 (NKJV) *by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.*

Ephesians 5:26–27 (NKJV) *that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, ²⁷ that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.*

James 1:21 (NKJV) *Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.*

2 Corinthians 3:18 (NKJV) *But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.*

Acts 20:32 (NKJV) *“So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.*

John 17:14–19 (NKJV) *I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁵ I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. ¹⁸ As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth.*

2 Timothy 3:15–17 (NKJV) *and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

Applying God’s Word

Romans 8:32 *He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?*

Matthew 13:58 (NKJV) *Now He did not do many mighty works there because of their unbelief.*

Ephesians 3:20–21 (NKJV) *Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, ²¹ to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.*

1 John 1:7–9 (NKJV) *But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸ If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

Sharing the Word

Acts 4:20 (NKJV) *For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.”*

Romans 1:14–16 (NKJV) *I am a debtor both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to wise and to unwise. ¹⁵ So, as much as is in me, I am ready to preach the gospel to you who are in Rome also. ¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.*

Matthew 28:18–20 (NKJV) *And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.*

Isaiah 50:4 (NKJV) *“The Lord God has given Me The tongue of the learned, That I should know how to speak A word in season to him who is weary. He awakens Me morning by morning, He awakens My ear To hear as the learned.*

Ecclesiastes 3:1 (NKJV) *To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven:*

Tell to others the blessed truths of His Word, and in obeying the words of “Christ, continue in His love. [Tell them] how He urges us by the love we bear to Him to keep His commandments. He does this, not to urge us to do impossible things, but because He knows what it means to keep His Father's commandments. He wants every soul that heareth His invitation to say the same to others, and to receive His richest gifts, for He knows that in keeping the commandments of God, we are not brought into servile bondage, but are made free through the blood of Jesus Christ.” BLJ p. 259