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Bite-Size Word of God

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“God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.”

John 4:24

The Word of God is truth.

I was told when I was growing up, to clean my plate at dinnertime. Mom would appeal to me: “It’s good for you.” Not only was there imploring involved, there was also punishment. I had to sit there until I cleaned my plate. There is nothing worse than having to eat food you don’t like. Especially after you’ve already filled your stomach up with the food you liked. Felt like being forced fed.

Oh, yeah, then the guilt was applied to further the issue; there are starving children in another continent; therefore, because of their misfortune, I must eat all there is available to me. I would have gladly packaged the spinach to send to those poor starving children, but, my parents didn’t see the logic in that.

Yeah, I still don’t understand why I had to clean my plate then, however, today, I live on my own, and if I don’t feel like eating everything on my plate, I either save it for later, or I throw it away. If the food is good warmed up, I’ll keep it. If it is not good as a leftover, then it’s getting trashed. It’s only going to be fresh once.

Sometimes we approach the Word of God as some big plate of words that we must force down, because “it’s good for us”. The Word of God is manna to our soul. Fresh for the day. Being forced fed isn’t fun with food or with the Word of God.

God made the Holy Bible available to us for us. Not that we have to read, but that we get to read. We read when we want to and how much we want to. That is the choice that God gives us.

God impressed upon me to challenge you to read daily, like manna given to the children of God. Read daily. A verse. A simple verse. Whether you decide to read the same verse more times during the day or just once. Read that same verse every day, or mix it up a bit.

But, try to remember what that verse meant to you. Where is it located, in what book. Why would the Lord want to show you that verse? Is it special to you? Write that verse location on a piece of paper; i.e., 1 John 3:16. Is this a verse to share with others? Then share.

We should approach the Word of God as we do our prayer life and our walk with God.



Proportional to our relationship with Jesus.

If you are starting out or your relationship with Jesus and you feel He just isn't that close, then don't allow your own expectations to be that of large portions. Allow yourself bite size pieces. Something you can digest.

Reading the Word of God is as simple as reading a verse a day. Digest that first. Allow yourself to get used to that first then move on.

When you pray, allow yourself to pray 5 minutes a day. Digest that, and then move forward according to what you feel compelled to do; 10 minutes, 15 minutes.

"Worshiping Jesus in spirit and in truth" must start somewhere. Worship, Spirit, and Truth are all three in sync with our One True God, Jesus Christ.

Worship is a deeper walk with Jesus than praise. Praise: you recognize Jesus, your God, and happy to know Him, you give Jesus honor due His name. Worship: you recognize Jesus, you know Him. You know what He likes and dislikes. He's your God, and you love on Him. Profound, meaningful, not thinking about yourself, not thinking about the person next to you; it's all about Him. Through your worship you create a great tenderness in the Holy Ghost. Jesus is drawn closer.

You're not being force fed, it's okay, you dish out what you want.

