

1. God's Word & Our Words Notes Romans 10:17

A. #1 God's Word – not knowing or desiring to know God's Word

1. **(Hosea 4:6 S1)** 'my people' Christians are destroyed by lack of knowledge
2. **Romans 10:17** 'so then faith is out of the source of that which is heard' Weust
  - a. one definition of faith: you will have faith in whatever you hear consistently; God and satan are well aware of this
  - b. 'hearing' the thing heard; 'hear' to perceive or apprehend with the ear; to gain info
  - c. 'and hearing by the Word of God' Paul – since faith comes from whatever you hear, make sure that what you hear is the Word **(Romans 10:8 S2)** Word of faith
  - d. another way to look at this 'hearing and hearing' continuous state, not having heard
3. **John 17:17** 'sanctify' Pink: one uniform meaning throughout scripture 'to set apart'
  - a. someone set apart unto God for His use; Barclay: to set apart for a special task; to equip a man with the qualities of mind, heart and character which are necessary for that task
  - b. 'truth' the Author cannot lie; by truth everything is to be tested; by truth our thoughts are formed; our conduct is to be regulated
  - c. we, by our own volition must decide to walk in the Word, because it works and the things of God have become vitally alive to us
  - d. this is an incredibly dangerous position for satan, which is why he fights the Word
4. **Romans 12:2** 'conformed' stop assuming an outward expression which is patterned after this world an expression which does not come from nor is representative of what you are in your inner being as a regenerated child of God; Do not let the world squeeze you into its mold
  - a. 'world' kosmos – the floating mass of knowledge the world embraces as truth, whether it is or not; the world of men who are living alienated and apart from God
  - b. 'transformed' a person changing his outward expression from that which he is to a different one, an expression which comes from and is representative of his spirit
  - c. 'renewing' the gradual conforming of the man more and more to that new spiritual world into which he has been introduced; restoration of the divine image

- d. 'prove' put to the test for the purpose of approving and finding that the thing tested meets the specifications laid down to put one's approval on
  - e. 'good....will of God' progressive change; more in the Word the more renewing
5. **(2 Timothy 2:15 S3)** & **(Genesis 2:17; Genesis 3:3 S4)** the devil always looks for this
  6. **John 8:31-32 v31** 'If' decision you make; 'abide' dwell, tarry, stay, to remain as you are
    - a. it is not how a man begins, it is how he continues and ends; notice He makes a difference between those who 'believed Him' (converts) and 'disciples' (who abide in the Word); continuing in the Word is a characteristic of a disciple
      - 'disciples' being a disciple begins with belief **(v31)**; learner; one who follows one's teaching; not only a pupil, but an adherent; hence they are spoken of as imitators of their teacher
    - b. **v32** 'know' become known by beginning, progressing and attaining; a relationship between the person knowing and the object known; what is known is of value and importance to the one who knows and hence the establishment of the relationship; recognition of truth by personal experience
    - c. 'the truth you know will make you free' truth that you know, that you know because it is valuable to you; truth that you are intimate with; truth you have come to recognize by personal experience with will make you free; **v31** continue, **v32** know, free

## **B. #2 Our Words – the words we speak will bless us or hurt us**

1. **(Genesis 1:3-4 S5; v11-12 S6; v24-25 S7)** God spoke what He wanted, what He spoke happened and what He spoke was good; He did not speak what He did not want
2. **(Proverbs 18:21 S8)** our mouth can speak death and life; **James 3:8-10** our mouth can bless and curse; the choice is ours, no one else's
3. **Numbers 13:2** God told them before they went into the promised land that He gave them the land; **v25-33; v14:26-30; v36-38**; 2 spies said they could take the land and 10 said they could not; both were right
4. **(John 8:44 S9)** the devil is a liar – he is good at it – that is why you must renew your mind and build your faith on the Word; **Matthew 6:25-31** worry, worry, speak your fears
5. **(Mark 11:23 S10)** you will have whatever you say; Jesus did not say that you will have only good; you decide what you believe and say
6. **(Hebrews 11:3 S11)** Jesus created everything with His words – so do we; **Hebrews 1:3** Jesus maintains everything with His words – so do we

