



FAITHFULLY KEEP THE WORDS OF GOD – 2 TIMOTHY 1:13-14

The *word of God* is the agent that delivers the gospel pointing our only way to _____ salvation. The *word of God* gives us practical help to navigate through life. The *word of God* reveals our purpose and the means to accomplish it. Throughout scripture it equates itself to: bread, water, honey, milk, meat and other dietary staples sustaining us both physically and _____. It is a sharp two-edged sword to protect us from seen and unseen enemy assaults seeking to destroy our life. Without the *words of God* we would be utterly hopeless, wandering on planet earth following our own carnal instincts until our death. No wonder Paul told Timothy in his *last recorded letter* to _____ on tightly to these sound words.

1. Hold on tight to the _____ of God – 2 Timothy 1:13
 - a. Critical instructions defined – verse 13a
 - Hold fast – To grab on to rigging or something solidly fixed and secure in order to prevent from being swept overboard. To bear down and fight through the _____.
 - The _____ of – The specific manner of arrangement concerning various component parts. An ordered _____ of many elements.
 - Sound words – Right, correct, well-founded, stable, logical, and sensible. Complete words _____ without provable error throughout history.
 - b. These are Paul's words but also include the entirety of _____ scripture – verse 13b
 - Paul's words are the very words of God – 1 Thess. 2:13
 - Peter believed Paul's words were equal to all other scriptures – 2 Peter 3:15-16
 - These sound words are the _____ and preserved words of God, and are *more sure* than the audible voice of God – 2 Peter 1:12-20
 - These are not the words of men, but the inspired words of God – 2 Peter 1:21
 - c. Hold the words fast in... – verse 13c
 - Faith – _____ them

Faith applied from believing the words of God has substance and is accompanied by evidence in your daily life – Heb. 11:1, 6
 - Love – Adore them

They are the mind of Christ – 1 Cor. 2:16
They are to dwell in us richly in all wisdom – Col. 3:16a
The Author of Psalm 119 describes his love for God's words throughout the entire chapter

2. Keep the _____ of God by the Holy Ghost – 2 Timothy 1:14

a. That good thing – verse 14a

- It was committed to Timothy

This *good thing* was obviously something very important

In 1 Ti. 6:20 it was his stewardship of the local church; but here it is more specific than that

The context is the sound _____ of God found in Paul's epistles and the entirety of scripture

b. Keep preaching and teaching the sound words of God – verse 14b

- These words bring forth new life – Ro. 10:17; 1 Cor. 15:1-4; Eph. 2:8-9; James 1:21; 1 Peter 1:23-25
- These words will keep you _____ to please God – Ps. 119:9-11; Jo. 15:3
- These words will sustain you in your daily Christian life – Job 23:12; Ps. 119:103; Jer. 15:16; Lk. 4:4; 1 Cor. 3:1-2; 1 Peter 2:2
- These words equip you for service – Eph. 6:10-18; 2 Ti. 3:16-17
- Remember that God created the entire universe by his spoken words – Gen. 1:3; Ps. 33:6; Heb. 11:3
- The Holy Ghost is the actual author as he moved (_____) holy men of God to speak sound words (and ultimately write them down) – 2 Peter 1:21

c. A famous quote concerning the sound words of God:

"The Bible contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true and its decisions are immutable.

Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support you and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword and the Christian's character.

Here paradise is restored, heaven opened and the gates of hell disclosed. Christ is its grand subject, our good its design and the glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart and guide the feet.

Read it slowly, frequently, prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory and a river of pleasure. It is given to you in life, will be opened at the judgment and remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibility, rewards the greatest labor and condemns all who trifle with its holy contents."