



OWN THE WORD OF GOD



Key Scripture; Luke 1 v38 “And Mary said, behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her”

The word of God is God's mind revealed to us. The bible says in Act 20 v32 that the word of God has the ability to give us an inheritance among all those sanctified. An inheritance that is not owned cannot be enjoyed or used. Ownership in this context, means accepting and personalising God's word as everyday reality. It is our responsibility to stand on and own the word of God spoken to us irrespective of counter opinions or contentions that may arise to challenge God's word that we have received. There cannot be advancement/progress or victory if believers do not hold unto the word of God. Likewise, for effectiveness in the place that God has assigned to us, owning the word is the key to obedience in carrying out every instruction given by God.

How to own the word

1. Accept the word of God: When the word of God comes, it is particularly important that we accept it. To accept it means to agree with the word of God that has come. The word of God you have received & accepted becomes your own and then you are able to act on it and then it becomes your reality. In Luke 1 v38, Mary the mother of our Lord Jesus accepted the word of God that came to her by an Angel that she has been chosen to be the mother of Jesus. Her response demonstrated acceptance of God's word. Mary replied the angel saying, 'Be it unto me, according to thy word'. Mary accepted God's word & it became her reality.



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2. Meditate on the word of God: To meditate on the word of God is to ponder on it. And to ponder means to think about it until it becomes your own thoughts/ thinking. By this, the word of God stays in your heart, and it becomes your own. By this it becomes easy to obey God's word because it has now become your way of thinking. Joshua 1 v8 "This Book of the Law must always be on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it"

3. Stand on the word of God: Standing on the word of God is acting on the word of God. This means the word of God becomes your absolute resolve, a standard by which you live by. The bible in Psalm 119 v11 says "I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you."

Conclusion

To own the word of God 'means to make it yours by accepting the word as your reality, to meditate on the word & make it your thoughts and to stand on the word by acting on it. To own the word of God is our responsibility, own God's word given to you today!