



Living Word 2

Hebrews 4:12 (NLT) For the word of God is alive and powerful.

What lives, grows.

What lives reproduces.

What lives has hope.

Growth and reproduction are outcomes of something that's alive.

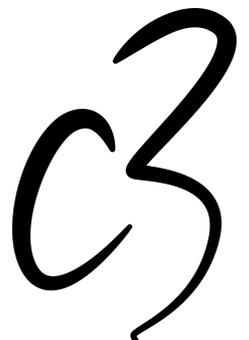
Dead things don't grow. They are cold, they smell, they spread disease.

The outcomes that we are looking for are the fruit of life, not death.

Rick Warren says 'Purpose Driven Life is around 1200 Scriptures.

Chris Hodges messages are filled with Scripture even though he is designing services and teachings for every person.

Psalm 19:7b



'The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy'

When God talks, it's truth!

Trust the Word.

The Word of God has power, more than any words of man.

My Story & the Lords Prayer - When I was unsaved and I prayed for God to reveal Himself, I found myself saying the Lord's Prayer.

I want our people to have a richer, stronger, higher, deeper and greater level of the Word of God in our lives, so we are ready for anything and everything that comes their way every day.

Col 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another....

In our Connect groups, in our fellowship, when the Word is at the centre of our conversation we



will avoid letting our conversation become negative. What we talk about becomes present.

Mal 3:16 Then those who feared the LORD spoke to one another, And the LORD listened and heard them; So a book of remembrance was written before Him For those who fear the LORD And who meditate on His name.

We discover Jesus in the Word.

Luk 24:27 And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.

Our primary task is to feed God's people.

2Ti 2:15 Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Peter was told to feed the flock of God

2Ti 4:2 Preach the word!

Difference between dough and bread.
Difference between raw meat and grilled meat.



Joh 6:48 I am the bread of life.

Joh 6:49 Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead.

Joh 6:50 This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die.

Joh 6:51 I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world."

Joh 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Joh 5:38 But you do not have His word abiding in you, because whom He sent, Him you do not believe.

Joh 5:39 You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me.

I want our people to develop a love for Scripture and an appetite for the Word, so



they are feeding themselves throughout the week in a devotional life, where they are reading Scripture every day. As with the manna in the wilderness, we need to collect our food for the day every morning. It will last for one day, then we need to get more the next day.

Acts 2:42 (NLT) All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals, and to prayer.

Psa 1:3 He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.

Psalm 19 is an amazing Psalm speaking of how God communicates with the Earth - through Creation, through the Word of God and through preachers. We are searching through what the Psalmist says the Word will do in our lives.

Psa 19:7 The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul;



God's Word is perfect.

Psalms 12:6 The words of the LORD are pure words, Like silver tried in a furnace of earth, Purified seven times.

2 Samuel 22:31 As for God, His way is perfect; The word of the LORD is proven; He is a shield to all who trust in Him.

There is no writing or philosophy in the world that is perfect other than the Word of God.

It cannot be broken;

John 10:35 Scripture cannot be broken

Interesting note is that the Bible is perfect as a literary manuscript but also as a mathematical composition.

Both the Hebrew and Greek alphabet letters all had a numeric value as well, so patterns of numbers and their sums can be seen in Scripture. It is a mathematical book as well.



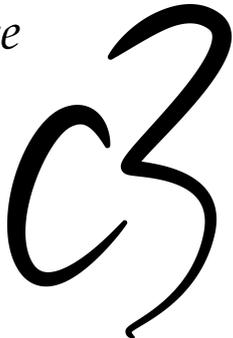
HEBREW ALPHABET	GREEK ALPHABET
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ב 2	β 2
ג 3	γ 3
ד 4	δ 4
ה 5	ε 5
ו 6	ς 6
ז 7	ζ 7
ח 8	η 8
ט 9	θ 9
י 10	ι 10
כ 20	κ 20
ל 30	λ 30
מ 40	μ 40
נ 50	ν 50
ס 60	ξ 60
ע 70	ο 70
פ 80	π 80
צ 90	ρ 90
ק 100	ρ 100
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ש 300	τ 300
ת 400	υ 400
	φ 500
	χ 600
	ψ 700
	ω 800

First verse of Genesis which reads,

Genesis 1:1 'In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.'

Looks like this in Hebrew:

(Hebrew is read from right to left ~ just the opposite of English.)



296	407	395	401	86	203	913
הָאָרֶץ	וְאֶת	הַשָּׁמַיִם	אֶת	אֱלֹהִים	בְּרָא	בְּרֵאשִׁית
earth	and	heaven	***	God	created	in-beginning

This sentence covers the complete act of creation,

7 is the number of perfection, just as we are told in the book of revelation that 6 is the number of man (Revelation 13:18), 666 is the number of the beast who misaligned with the anti Christ. 3 is the number of God. This number is man trying to be God.

The number 7 is one of the most significant numbers of the Bible because it is the number of spiritual perfection. It is the number which is stamped on every work of God. We can observe the importance of this number in nature too. Be it physics, chemistry or music we can see they are all based on this number of God's work.

All music that is created is based on seven basic notes of music, the eight note is just a higher or lower octave.

If light is passed through a prism then it splits into seven parts, this is known by a very famous abbreviation VIBGYOR.

There are seven basic crystal systems in minerals. Therefore it is often said that the Holy Bible is the master textbook of all sciences be it physics, chemistry or music.



The words seven-fold also occur 7 times.

4 being the perfect world number and three the number of divine perfection. The number seven is most sacred to the Hebrews. Therefore it represents a perfect world which is crowned by heaven. So seven denotes completeness through union of earth with heaven.

There are seven churches, seven spirits before the throne, seven stars, seven seals, seven trumpets, seven dooms, seven new things.

1. This 1st verse of Scripture contains 7 Hebrew words.

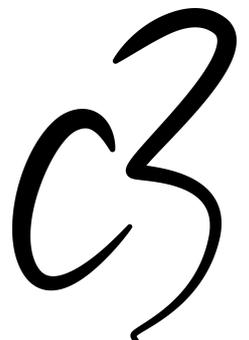
2. The total number of letters is 28, or 7×4

3. The sentence divides into two equal parts: the first three words, 'In-the-beginning God created,' contain 14 letters, and the remaining four words contain 14 letters.

4. The second half of the sentence divides again into two equal parts: The two words for 'the heavens' contain 7 letters, and the two words for 'and-the earth' contain 7 letters.

5. The three nouns, God, heavens and earth have together 14 letters.

6. The numeric value of these three nouns is 777



W.E. Filmer who researched this material said,
'I defy anyone to construct another sentence which incorporates such an amazing set of numerics. I should never have believed that such a sentence could exist if it were not for the fact that it is there.'

Studies have been done using the same formula on other great writings of history, Shakespeare, Omer, Plato, Marcus Aurelius; none have any such patterns in them. They are just a jumble of numbers with no pattern at all.

One divine mind was overseeing a literary work completely impossible for man's mind to contrive.

**Psalm 19:7 The Law of the Lord is perfect
converting the soul.**

Only the Word has the power to convert. The power to obey the Word is within the Word itself. The word convert literally means to restore, to recover, to turn back, to return. The power of the Word restores our soul from where it has drifted. The human condition is such that we do drift, and in the drifting sustain damages and wounds and pollutions to our lives. However, if we return to the Word then the work of the scripture will be to restore our soul, and thus our lives.



Jas 1:21

Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

Humility is the only atmosphere in which we are able to receive the Word deeply enough to begin growing and transforming us. The Amplified Bible says, 'contains the power' to save our souls.

The Word has within it the power to perform itself.

An apple seed has an apple tree within it. The Word about healing has a tree of healing within it. If it manages to become 'implanted' within our soul, healing is unstoppable.

1Pe 1:23 having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever,

There is nothing wrong with the seed. It is perfect. The environment it is planted in determines whether the seed will have an effect or not.



We cannot make a tree. But if we plant a tree seed in good soil and tend to that seed, **the seed itself will do the work.**

We need to be good soil for the seed of the Word to lodge within us.

Parable of the seed.

Lk 8:11

“Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.

Other than actual seeds, only two other things are called seed in the Bible, Jesus and money.

When you plant the Word in your heart and mind it has the power to transform you.

The power to transform your life by renewing your mind is in the Word.

Rom 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

We discover the will of God progressively as our mind is renewed and our lives transformed. Our lives transform when our mind is renewed, when we begin to think differently. God think differently to the way we think. The more of the Word we get inside us, the more we will be thinking like God.

Isaiah 55:8-11 (NLT)

“My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts,” says the Lord. “And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. 9 For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts. 10 “The rain and snow come down from the heavens and stay on the ground to water the earth. They cause the grain to grow, producing seed for the farmer and bread for the hungry. 11 It is the same with my word. I send it out, and it always produces fruit. It will accomplish all I want it to, and it will prosper everywhere I send it.

The renewing of your mind takes place every time you read the Scriptures.

Lk 8:12 Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes



away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.

Lk 8:13 But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. **Lk 8:14** Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity. **Lk 8:15** But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.

Meditation

Christian meditation is different to Eastern meditation.

Christian meditation is about filling your mind with Scripture, not emptying your mind.



Meditation is the way that the Word of God becomes planted within our soul, the way the seed enters the soil.

Psalm 1:1-3 (NKJV)

1 Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;

The very first word of the very first Psalm is 'blessed', revealing God's will for his people. The pathway to blessing begins in what you do not do before we are told what to do.

Eliminating practices, conversations, words and certain relationship from our lives is the first step. We cannot hang on to the negatives and also anticipate a positive life.

The beginning of a blessed life is in what you choose to not do. This develops strength of character and depth of integrity, when we refuse to do what others do, even though it brings a negative opinion.

You can get as blessed by NOT doing certain things when it is within your ability, power and opportunity to do them, as you can by doing things.



Blessing is upon you when, even though you have been counselled by the ungodly, you refuse to accept it and arrange your life accordingly. Even if the counsel is correct. Heeding the advice of the ungodly serves to endorse and reinforce them. However, it is virtually impossible for an ungodly person to bring forth godly advice. What a person is, is what their fountain will issue.

When we accept the counsel of someone, we place ourselves 'under' them, which in turn means that whatever is on them, will cover us as well.

To walk is to take steps, that is, make decisions, whereas the next sentence is about also not 'standing' in the path of sinners. This very first Psalm is about ensuring that we choose our associations carefully and refuse to arrange our lives according to the lifestyles of sinners

The third positioning the Psalmist tells us to avoid if we are to be blessed, is 'sitting' with the scornful. If we walk in their ways, we will probably come to stand in their path, which will lead to getting comfortable enough with their lifestyle to 'sit'. Lot's wife got way too



comfortable with the sinful world surrounding her. She had 'sat down' in their world.

Mocking is a main part of the language of sinners, especially scorning the righteous and their ways. You cannot be bitter and blessed.

Most of the comedians on our media make their fortunes by poking fun at people, many whom are by far their superior in authority, character, skills, knowledge and wisdom. A scoffer reveals their weakness of character in being a mocker.

2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law he meditates day and night.

This is when the roots of our life, (not the leaves, the branches or even the trunk, but the unseen, deep subconscious, baseline attitudes), are soaking in the Word of God daily. Instead of heeding the words of the wicked, the man who would be blessed, heeds the Word of God. There will always be a choice presented to us. We must have a 'but' in our life that refuses to do one thing so we can do the other.

It's impossible to live wrong and love the Lord. If we delight in sinful ways we will hate the Word. If we love the Word and God we will hate the ways of the world.



Love for the world dulls any love we have for the Word, and vice, versa.

Only those who love the Word will understand that delight in the unique Word of God. Because of the love for the Word, he thinks on it all day long, not problems, not the world news, not the gossip and idle chatter of surrounding people, not books and magazines, but he meditates in the Word all day long, drawing his mind back to the Word. This is most easily done by speaking about the Word, speaking it into our world.

To meditate is to repeat the Scripture to yourself in your mind or in your mouth until it travels as revelation, as faith, as light into your spirit.

Christian meditation is not emptying your mind, but filling your mind with Scripture. The word 'meditation', (hagah), literally means 'to ponder by talking to oneself'. Meditation is the digestive faculty for the soul. It's like chewing your food, though it's chewing the Word with your mind. He thinks the Word of God in the sunshine, in the bright light of day and in the dark, night, obscure times, Through this comes faith, wisdom, Christ Himself.

Our days are filled with work, activity



3 He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.

The person who has cleansed himself from the world and bad associations and filled his mind and spirit with the Word of God, is like a tree planted by rivers of water. The Word of God is filled with rivers of life. Because the man has committed himself to meditate day and night in the Word, he is therefore planted, immovable, not transient. This commitment is necessary to bear fruit. The inconsistent, transient, uncommitted person does not bear fruit because they are not receiving the water of life.

Because of the steady stream of watery life into our man, he unfailingly bears fruit consistent with the seasons. He will not promise much and deliver little as our fig tree of Mark 11, but rather the fruit appears easily. The effort of a tree is not to bear fruit, but to find moisture with its roots. The rest follows easily.

His leaf doesn't shrivel up either. This is his ability to heal, to give shade, to transform sunlight into energy, to collect rain and moisture, to transform CO₂ into O₂, that transforms bad air into good air for humans.



The climax of this verse is this overboard declaration, that whatever He does will therefore be successful and prosper.

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