



The Christian Solution  
for Addictions:  
Jesus!

## "Ten Attitudes of Victorious Living"

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### ATTITUDE 4 - Honesty

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Jesus said: "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled."

Matthew 5:6

I honestly examine myself in the light of God's Word.

**John 15:1-3 - Jesus said:**

**"I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.**

**<sup>2</sup>Every branch in Me that beareth not fruit He taketh away:  
and every branch that beareth fruit, He purgeth it,  
that it may bring forth more fruit.**

**<sup>3</sup>Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.**

The positional relationship of the Christian is one that is spiritually clean. We stand before the Lord justified by His grace — not sinless, but blameless.

**2 Corinthians 5:21 - For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin;  
that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.**

**Jesus said in John 17:17 - "Sanctify them through Thy truth: Thy word is truth."**

The word SANCTIFY means to be "SET APART", set apart by God, for God to glorify God. When we are saved we are "set apart" by God in Christ.

It is a very common thing for a person to be SAVED and yet not know how to live saved. The simple things of the Christian life are often things that many of us never did prior to becoming a Christian. Going to church, reading our Bibles and praying are some of the basic disciplines of the Christian life, but many of us have not been consistent in these disciplines. In our text Jesus tells us that we are "CLEAN" through the WORD. If we are ever going to move forward in the Christian life, we will only do so as a result of having God's WORD on the inside in order that we might experience change from the inside out.

When the Bible speaks of cleanness it speaks of pure, clear or uncontaminated.

**Psalms 24:4 - He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.**

**Job 17:9 - The righteous also shall hold on his way, and he that hath clean hands shall be stronger and stronger.**

Clean hands and a pure heart refer to moral purity.

**Jeremiah 33:8 - And I will CLEANSE them from all their iniquity, whereby they have sinned against me; and I will pardon all their iniquities, whereby they have sinned, and whereby they have transgressed against Me.**

**Ezekiel 36:33 - Thus saith the Lord GOD, "In the day that I shall have cleansed you from all your iniquities I will also cause you to dwell in the cities, and the wastes shall be builded."**

So we see that this Bible principle of being cleansed or clean is a very real thing and something that a follower of Jesus Christ can not only experience, but most importantly, should be in pursuit of. We also know from John 15:3 that the method of our cleanness is the truth of the word of God. So then, what can we learn from God's word about God's word that will help us to gain a better understanding with regard to our moving forward in the Christian life?

### **Three things concerning the God's Word:**

#### **1. The RECEIVING of the Word.**

**John 15:3 - Jesus said: "Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you."**

The order of the Word ... the spoken word was followed by the cleansing. The source of the Word ... "which I have spoken ..."

There are many words that will help us — kind words, encouraging words and merciful words. But there are no better words than God's Word. God's word is living and brings dead things to life.

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There have been many people that have been described as being very inspiring when they speak, but there are no other words as inspiring as God's Word. It can heal the broken hearted and set the captive free. It speaks peace to the fearful and mercy to the trodden down.

**John 6:63 - Jesus said: "It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life."**

**Mark 4:20 - Jesus said: "And these are they which are sown on good ground; such as hear the word, and receive it, and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred."**

What does it mean to receive the word of God? Receive: don't reject it, do accept it, take it upon one's self)

**James 1:21 - Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness (abundance of wickedness), and receive with meekness the engrafted (implanted by others instruction) word (sayings of God), which is able to save your souls.**

## 2. The BENEFITS of the Word.

Most of us are reward driven, and there is nothing entirely wrong with that. Around the corner of every expectation there is the reward that may or may not motivate the person to meet the expectation. When we consider the word of God, we might also consider the benefits of receiving it.

- **It DIRECTS**: Psalms 119:105 - Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.  
Where else can we go to get better direction?
- **It REVEALS**: Hebrews 4:12 - For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Where else can we go to find a better resource to tell us how we really are?

- **It PROTECTS:** Psalms 119:9 - wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word. <sup>10</sup>With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments. <sup>11</sup>Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

Where else can we go to find better instruction to avoid further destruction?

- **It FEEDS:** Matthew 4:4 - But He answered and said, "It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

Where else can we go to be more satisfied?

- **It BUILDS:** Matthew 7:24 - Jesus said: "There-fore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:..."

Where else can we go to get stronger in our faith?

- **It TEACHES:** 2 Timothy 3:16 - All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

Where else can we go to get better wisdom and knowledge?

- **It TRANSFORMS:** Romans 12:1-2 - I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. <sup>2</sup>And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Where else can we go to experience real, lasting, miraculous change?

### 3. The FRUIT of the Word.

When the Word of Christ is spoken, there is a *CLEANSING* virtue in that word, as it works *in* grace and works *out* corruption. We should then see evidence that we are cleansed by the word when we bring forth fruit unto holiness.

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**John 1:1 - In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**

**John 1:14 - And the Word was made 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.**

The fruit of the Word is the fruit of Christ in us.

What is this life of Jesus which is to be reflected in the life of every Christian? Its great central characteristic is LOVE — not what passes for love on a human level — but love full of compassion, love serving even to the lowliest degree and at greatest cost, love that is patient, forgiving, thoughtful, gentle, love unto the uttermost, which went to a cross to save the world.

If we honestly examine ourselves in the light of God's Word and we do not find LOVE, we are as Paul said.....

**1 Corinthians 13:1,2 - Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity (love), I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. 2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity (love), I am nothing.**

