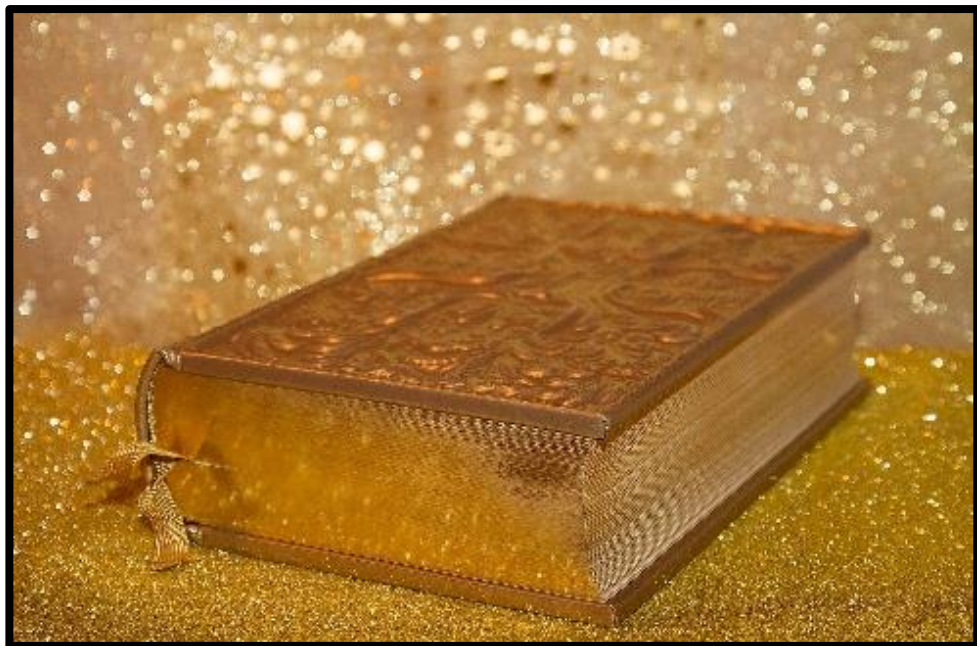


Inspired Words from Scripture



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An Introduction to Inspired Words from Scripture

Words.... They are what our entire world of communication boils down to. Something I haven't been able to gather here of late. But a change is coming...

Over the past week or so, I have been putting together a series of e-mails, each addressing a word. The words are in scripture, but not the words that you think about on an everyday basis.

Cindy Orewiler, a sister in Christ, expounded on one word and her expounding will be shared in this series. That one word had me doing some research and scripture reading along with my fervent prayer for direction. As always, the Lord leads me, and He led me to this series. Her word led me backwards to discover how many words are lost in today's world. And, how one word leads to another, more profound word. All tied together through scripture. The Bible never ceases to amaze me! But then again it is the Word of the Lord.

In the next four sections, you will receive "Inspired Words" to read and ponder.

Hopefully, you will be as excited to receive these words as we have been to write and compile them.

*ed·i·fi·ca·tion / ˌedəfəˈkāSH(ə): the instruction or improvement of a person morally or intellectually. (Google Definition)

Unless otherwise indicated, all scripture is from the King James Version

Inspired Word # 1: Reconcile

Definition:*

- 1. To reestablish a close relationship between,*
- 2. To settle or resolve,*
- 3. To bring (oneself) to accept,*
- 4. To make compatible, harmonious, or consistent,*
- 5. To compare (one financial account) so that it is consistent or compatible with another*

In the business world, reconcile equates to dollars and cents. Bookkeepers reconcile statements to balance accounts. However, to be reconciled reaches much farther into our lives than our checkbook balance. Our eternal lives depend on God's reconciliation.

And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

2 Corinthians 5:18-19

For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham. Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.

Hebrews 2:16-18

These two sets of scripture tell us how, through Jesus, we are reconciled to God and we are equipped to a “ministry of reconciliation. Jesus came to this earth in human form to suffer as humans suffer so he could know our temptation. Then, without holding our sins (trespasses) against us, He died on the cross for our reconciliation with the Father. He “balanced our accounts” in a way only the master “bookkeeper” could, by writing our names in the Lamb’s book of life.

At times our relationships in life become fractured beyond repair or reconciliation. The pain is unsurmountable. The rejection, beyond our human capacity. Paul recognized that we have our limits. In his letter to the Romans he says...

Be of the same mind one toward another... If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.
Romans 12:16a &18

Jesus, however, has reconciled us to our Father, God. No matter our offenses, our faults or flaws, our accounting ledgers have been washed clean with the blood of the Lamb.

The next time your checkbook doesn’t balance, remember your “account” with the Lamb will never be overdrawn!

*Definition from: www.thefreedictionary.com

Word 2: Recompense

*Definition**

- 1. To award compensation to,*
- 2. To award compensation for*

As in “reconcile”, recompense, in the business world, equates to dollars and cents. Employees are recompensed by their employer. Civil suits are filed, and victims are recompensed for losses. What if God recompensed us for our sins? We would all be doomed to eternal death instead of eternal life.

Remember Word 1: reconcile? Well, recompense is what happens to those not reconciled to the salvation of Jesus Christ.

For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.
Hebrews 10:30-31

That they may walk in my statutes, and keep mine ordinances, and do them: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God. But as for them whose heart walketh after the heart of their detestable things and their abominations, I will recompense their way upon their own heads, saith the Lord God.
Ezekiel 11:20-21

That’s some scary stuff, huh? Read the old testament, he wasn’t kidding! We all know the story of Moses. Just look what he did to Egypt because the Pharaoh wouldn’t let the Hebrews leave. He besots them with 10 plagues...Blood, Frogs, Lice, Flies, Livestock deaths, Boils, Hail, Locust, Darkness, and the Death of firstborn. (Note: the 10 plagues can be found in the Bible from [Exodus 7:14 to 12:36](#).)

Our reconciliation through Christ, our Savior, removes us from His recompensing. That doesn't mean it's up to us to recompense others; the Lord will take care of that.

Say not thou, I will recompense evil; but wait on the Lord, and he shall save thee. Proverbs 20:22

Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. Romans 12:17

The current atmosphere of turmoil within our country and around the world would have us believe that it is up to us to confront every evil thing. Yes, we must do the right thing in the face of evil, but to judge is not up to us. *The Lord shall judge his people.* Our place is to reconcile to one another the best way we can.

As a Christian, and as a person, I believe we cannot turn our heads away from the evil around us. We must however use discernment. That is the next word in this series, discernment. We must use our discernment to guide our choices.

Because we are reconciled to God, we are removed from His recompense. I am very happy of that. The wrath of God is not something I would want bestowed on me. How about you?

*Definition from: www.thefreedictionary.com

Word 3: Discernment

God by His divine power has given us everything we need for living a godly life.

According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:
2 Peter 1:3

He has given us great promises, faith, a moral compass, knowledge, self-control, patient endurance, the ability to love and then He encourages us to work hard to prove you really are among those God has called and chosen.

Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 1:4-8

Real life situations test God's children. They reveal, prove, expose what is in the heart.

Romans 12 encourages us (2) not to live as this world lives. To allow our minds to be transformed. (3) to not think too highly of yourself. Reminding us that God has given each of us a measure of faith. (4) We are only one part of the body of Christ and each of us with our giftings are used to help accomplish God's plan.

(2) 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. (3) For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith. (4) For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: Just as God has given each of us a measure of faith he has given His children a measure of discernment.

Romans 12:2-4

Discernment is careful distinctions in our thinking of truth from error, right from wrong good from evil. It can be, perception in the absence of judgment with a view to obtain spiritual guidance and understanding. *

When we add discernment to our faith and take time to pray, ask, and listen to God's plan, discernment can be a very powerful tool in our lives.

Discernment is not about getting everyone to go with our agenda. It is not to be used to manipulate, control or intimidate people. It is to guide us. Helping us view life through the movement of God's Spirit. To walk in discernment, you must be familiar with God's voice. You must be willing to allow God to set the direction and the speed He wants to go.⁽¹⁾

In Deuteronomy 30:19, God gives the choice of life or death. He says that the decision is not too difficult or out of our reach. It is on your lips, in your heart. Discernment is very close to us. (20) We are given a key to life – love the Lord your God, obey Him and commit yourself firmly to Him. This will make discernment easier, because now there is a compass to follow.

I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live: (20) That thou mayest love the Lord thy God, and that thou mayest obey his voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto him: for he is thy life, and the length of thy days: that thou mayest dwell in the land which the Lord sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.
Deuteronomy 30:19-20

1. As you use discernment in any situation, you must believe God is good! That His intentions toward you are deeply good, very good, no matter what the circumstances look like. Without coming to this place of believing in God's goodness you will hold yourself back from fully opening up to His plan. ⁽¹⁾
2. Never lose sight of love when you are discerning a situation. Will this decision continue to allow you to follow God in love? What is love calling for right now? What would love do? Any decision process that fails to involve love misses the point of the Christian practice of discernment. Discernment is intended to take us deeper into the heart of God's will. ⁽¹⁾
3. You must know the voice of God as you listen for His direction in discernment. In order to truly come to Godly discernment, you must give up your agenda, wants and desires. Be open to hear when He speaks, no matter what He speaks through, a conversation, book, movie, the Bible, a church service, or just through His still small voice. ⁽¹⁾

Discernment can be risky, there are no guarantees, we are limited in our thinking. Our desire to please God through listening for His directions really does please Him. The more we fall in love with Christ the greater our discernment will be. ⁽¹⁾

In our prayer time we tell God our concerns, our inability to let go, we can be very truthful, He already knows every detail of our lives. As we spend time with Him, He can help us loosen our hold on things we don't want to let go of, give us discernment and fill us with His peace.

Jesus, in this hour, your children need discernment, so they may make wise choices that will honor you. In any area that we are lacking, be it love faith, hope, peace, knowledge, self-control, patience or discernment, will you forgive our weakness and increase us in the areas we are weak in. Thank you for all you have equipped us with as your children. Holy Spirit thank you for increasing our ability to discern right from wrong and good from evil. In Jesus name, Amen!

May you always discern the love of God in your life,

Pastor Cindy Orewiler

*Taken from: www.gty.org/library/questions/QA138/what-is-biblical-discernment-and-why-is-it-important

⁽¹⁾ Paraphrased Reference: Sacred Rhythms by Ruth Haley Barton

Word 4: Diligent (Diligently, Diligence)

Definition:*

characterized by steady, earnest, and energetic effort: PAINSTAKING

Our hearts are the center of our being, physically, emotionally and spiritually.

Our physical heart pumps our life blood through our bodies, without which, life ends. Oh yes, there are medical devices that can simulate its' task, but not without an external source of energy.

Our emotional hearts “ache” with loss, they “break” with tragedy, they feel “empty” when we bid someone farewell. We give “heartfelt” gratitude, our hearts “go out” to those facing adversity, our hearts “rejoice” at good news.

Our spiritual hearts are also a source of life blood, not of our blood, but instead of the saving blood of Jesus Christ. Thus our instruction...

Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

Proverbs 4:23

The heart, being what it is, could be the exact reason why, when questioned by a scribe, Jesus mentions the heart first when he says...

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.

Luke 10:27

Putting those two scriptures together, we can surmise that we are to diligently love the Lord in all ways starting in our hearts. Not just steadily or urgently, but with energy and painstakingly.

How do we do that? By seeking Him diligently. From Proverbs 8:17 we find these words of diligence...

I love those who love me, And those who seek me diligently will find me. (NKJV)

Seeking means “to look for”, looking for God in all we do. Reading scripture is one type of seeking. Prayer is another. Christian fellowship. Church. Devotionals. All methods of seeking. Disaster. Murder. Mayhem. War. Hatred. These are also tools to seek out our Lord. No, God is not in those things. He is however the one who stands us “on our feet” so that we may move on afterwards with love through our faith in Him.

This testimony is from Enoch in Hebrews 11:6...(1)

But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Our God loves us and rewards us for our steady, earnest, energetic and painstaking effort. What is that reward? Well, I can tell you it's not wealth or health or a stress-free life. Our reward is the eternal life we receive through our diligent belief in salvation through Christ.

For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister. And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end: That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises. Hebrews 6:10-12

Our hearts are easily corrupted, our minds quickly clouded, our souls at risk. This is the truth of the day. Not a new truth, but a truth indeed. Our only defense is the diligence we must practice combating the evil of the day.

As a recovering alcoholic, I know all too well the temptations of the “world” as it were. One of the mantras of AA is “One day at a time”. Humph... sometimes it’s minute by minute. In moments of weakness, wanting so much to just melt into an alcoholic stupor, I know that my Lord is with me. I seek Him in prayer, and He is there diligently waiting for me every time.

One last scripture to leave you with, with this fourth and final word of the series, comes from Psalms. Your heart is where it starts, and hope is what you must have diligently.

Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord. Psalm 31:24

May many blessings come your way!

(1)Additional reading: [Hebrews 11](#) for an outline of men who, by diligent faith, overcame obstacles of this world.

*Definition from:

<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/diligent>

Inspired Words – In Conclusion

Over the past weeks, I have shared with you some words that hopefully gave you pause to think. And, to reflect on things in your life that these words may apply to.

- ♥ Are you reconciled with God?
- ♥ Do you accept that Jesus recompensed us for our sins?
- ♥ Have you practiced discernment in your life?
- ♥ Is your heart diligently seeking these things?

All these words present huge challenges in the world where words like “collusion”, “treason”, “obstruction”, and “fake news” permeate all aspects of media. Like white light filtering through a prism, we are fractured and separated into many hues, being labeled for every opinion we express like Crayola Crayons.

How others see us does not dictate who we are. What is in our hearts is what defines us. Our hearts are what God sees.

But the Lord said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart.

1 Samuel 16:7

Keeping these words in our hearts is what provides us the faith to carry on. Carry on through tragedy, death, persecution, hatred, and every definition of adversity.

We all stumble and stagger in our navigation of life. Our human GPS systems need to be recharged and updated.

Could you imagine never recharging or updating your phone? It would be a miracle! Well, our hearts and souls and minds are always plugged in to the eternal generator. Our source for constant

recharging and updating is our personal connection to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Words, both spoken and unspoken, from our first to our last, all are part of who we are. The best we can do is to keep love in our hearts so that our words are tempered.

Inspired and written with the Love of Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cindy Lee". The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent loop at the end of the word "Lee".

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When life is beating you up, and you don't know where to turn, Connect to the Light of Christ.



Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.



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