I. General
A. Two titles: (John 10:35)
   1. The Word of God = it came direct from God
   2. The Scripture = that which is written
B. Creative power (Psalm 33:6)
   1. The Word of the Lord
   2. The Breath of His mouth = Spirit
C. Effective in those who believe (1 Thess. 1:13)
D. Does not profit if not mixed with faith (Heb. 4:2)
E. Living, powerful, discerning (Heb. 4:12)

II. Specific
A. Faith (Rom. 10:17)
   1. By reading, meditation—hearing comes
   2. Hearing an attitude—faith comes
B. The new man (James 1:18; John 1:12–13; 1 Pet. 1:23; 1 John 3:9)
C. Spiritual nourishment
   1. Milk (1 Pet. 2:1–2)
      a. Read the Word
      b. Pray
      c. Confess your faith
      d. Fellowship with other Christians
   2. Bread (Matt. 4:4)
   3. Solid food (Heb. 5:12–14)
D. Mental illumination (Ps. 119:130)
E. Physical healing
   1. God sent His Word to save, heal, deliver (Ps. 107:17–20)
   2. “God’s Medicine Bottle” (Prov. 4:20–22)
      a. Give attention to My words—total, undivided attention
      b. Incline your ear to My sayings—be humble, teachable
      c. Do not let them depart from your eyes—focus on the Word of God
      d. Keep them in the midst of your heart—it will determine the course of your life

II. Specific (cont’d.)
F. Victory over sin (Ps. 119:11; Ps. 17:4)
G. Victory over Satan (1 John 2:14)
1. Helmet of salvation—hope (Eph. 6:17; Is. 61:3; Joel 2:32)—confident expectation of good
2. Sword of the Spirit—the Word of God (Pattern of Jesus—Matt. 4:3–10)
3. By the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony (Rev. 12:11)

H. Cleansing (Eph. 5:25–27)
I. Mirror (James 1:23; 2 Cor. 3:18)
   1. Reveals who you are
   2. Reveals who you can be
   3. I am infinitely valuable in the sight of God because God bought me with the most valuable thing in the universe—the blood of Jesus

J. Sum up: The way God comes to us (John 14:23)
   1. Love Him? — Keep His Word
   2. They will come and make their home with us

II. How to Receive God’s Word
   A. Tremble (Is. 66:1–2)
      1. Poor = how desperately we need God
      2. Contrite = sorry for how we grieve God
      3. Tremble = fear, awe, reverence
   B. Be humble/God-fearing (Ps. 25:8–9, 12, 14)
   C. Be repentant/meek (James 1:21)
   D. Be ready to apply/act (John 7:17; James 1:25)
   E. Store up in your heart (Ps. 119:11)—memorize Scripture

Let the Redeemed Say So!

My body is a temple for the Holy Spirit; redeemed, cleansed, and sanctified by the blood of Jesus. My members, the parts of my body, are instruments of righteousness yielded to God for His service and for His glory. The devil has no place in me, no power over me, no unsettled claims against me. All has been settled by the blood of Jesus. I overcome Satan by the blood of the Lamb and the word of my testimony and I love not my life unto the death. My body is for the Lord and the Lord is for my body.

Amen.

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