

WHERE A PERSON GETS HIS SUSTENANCE

NOTE: My comments are ITALIZED & all underlines are mine.

“Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word of God.” ~Luke 4:4 (Mt. 4:4 also).

“... the just [*justified ones*] shall live by faith.” ~Romans 1:17 / Galatians 3:11 / Hebrews 10:38 all quoting Habakkuk 2:4 [bracket added].

Notice, Habakkuk has it as “his faith”. How does faith come? Romans 10:17 tells us: “Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God.”

In both Mt. 4:4 and Lk. 4:4, along with Rom. 10:17, ALL use the Greek word “Rhema” for the word, “Word”. Rhema is the QUICKENED Word to you PERSONALLY.

“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.” ~2 Tim.3:16, 17

“Study to show YOURSELF approved unto God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth.” ~2 Timothy 2:15 (Emphasis added)

“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.” ~Ephesians 2:10

“And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work.” ~2 Corinthians 9:8

“If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honor, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.” ~2 Timothy 2:21

“For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.” ~1 Corinthians 3:9

“For it is God which works in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.” Philippians 2:13

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman... If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, you shall ask what you will, and it shall be done unto you.” ~John 15:1 & 7

“And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.” ~Acts 20:32

Notice: HIS WORD is able to BUILD you up and it is able to give to you an inheritance.

“It is the spirit that quickens; the flesh profits nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.” ~John 6:63

“For the LORD gives wisdom: out of his mouth comes knowledge and understanding.” ~Proverbs 2:6

Not only are His Words LIFE, they produce knowledge and understanding.

Notice once more 2 Timothy 3:17: “...that the man of God may be perfect thoroughly furnished...” Who helps to “perfect” (complete), furnish us unto all good works?

“And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ...” ~Ephesians 4:11-13

“Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?” ~Isaiah 53:1

The arm of the Lord is linked to THE Report. What's THE REPORT? — God's WORD!

“Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think according to the power that works in us.” ~Ephesians 3:20

“...according to the power that works in us.” That REPORT (that's living and abiding in us) is the power that is working IN US! It is His arm (His Strength) working in us doing a work that will transform and empower us to walk where He leads and guides us.

That's why Jesus said the works that He did we would do also (John 14:12). He can, in and through Him that empowers us. It is Him – THE WORD, THE REPORT – “working in us both to will and to do His good pleasure” (Philippians 2:13).

IN HIM [the Word] I LIVE AND MOVE AND HAVE MY BEING!
~Acts 17:28 bracket added

“...I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food.” ~Job 23:12 †

Finally, remember...

Obstacles are those things we see when we take our eyes off the WORD!

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***Make a glutton of the inner man;
starve the outer man.***