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THE LIVING WORD

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There is so much reading material available in our world. Technology has advanced wherein we can download books on our readers and carry our library with us anywhere we go. Reading is a great way to exercise the brain and keep it active. I would venture to say many people read more for entertainment than for learning or information. However, we must read to effectively function in our society. That being said, there is one book that remains the most valuable one to read of all. Yes, it is the bible. The bible is the only book that is living. Some may choke on that thought as the bible is inanimate to them. John 1:1 (Amplified Version) says, "In the beginning (before all time) was the Word (Christ), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God Himself." When you view the bible, which is the written word of God, with an understanding of this verse, then it changes the value and meaning of the Bible.



The scriptures are not outdated, old fashioned or history alone. When we go through this life and face its perplexities we need the living word to speak to us a timely thought to shape our minds in order to tackle many things that come our way. If one believes that God is a present help in the time of trouble, then one is willing to find answers in the Bible to resolve issues. The Lord can direct you to a specific passage or verse that stands from the page to bring peace, comfort, clarity, direction, or whatever is needed right to you. His Word can illuminate your mind like no other written book can do. People say they need a relevant word from the Lord and some say the scriptures don't apply in our time. At my darkest point in life, the Living Word of God came to my rescue. Let me give an example. When I became a widow in 2004, I struggled with accepting what had happened. The struggle lasted for over a year. On September 29, 2005 the Lord led me to this scripture, "Your sun shall no more go down, nor shall your moon withdraw itself, for the Lord shall be your everlasting light, and the days of your mourning shall be ended," *Isaiah 60:20*. That was a Living Word to spark a ray of light, hope and joy to my soul. It was a Living Word as it applied to my circumstances and met my need at the right time.

Maybe it's time you change your view of the Bible and see it as the Living Word that meets you and me where we are to give us what we need!!!

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