

Incline Your Ear

God's living Word becomes nourishment, light, direction, and health as believers receive it with the Holy Spirit, meditate on it, and put it into practice.

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November 16, 2025	Matthew 4:4 ; Proverbs 4:20-23

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NOTES

Truth to carry into the week.

01 Engage God with a surrendered heart.

- Jesus gave Himself to restore people to relationship and fellowship with the Father. ([John 17:3](#))
- Worship turns the heart and attention toward God instead of remaining a passive observer.
- Surrender releases our own will and makes room to receive His plans and purposes. ([Romans 12:1-2](#))

"We make a decision that we engage God together."

STUDY [John 17:3](#); [Romans 12:1-2](#)

02 Receive the Word and the Spirit together.

- God's Word is living and active, not a dead letter or merely human information. ([Hebrews 4:12](#))
- The Holy Spirit inspired Scripture and brings its truth alive within the believer. ([2 Timothy 3:16](#); [John 16:13](#))
- Jesus ministered as the Anointed One, with the Holy Spirit and power. ([Acts 10:38](#))

"It's the Word and the Spirit together."

STUDY [Hebrews 4:12](#); [2 Timothy 3:16](#); [John 16:13](#); [Acts 10:38](#)

03 Live by every word from God.

- Jesus answered temptation by declaring that life depends on every word from God's mouth. ([Matthew 4:4](#); [Deuteronomy 8:3](#))
- Scripture is spiritual nourishment that gives direction, peace, joy, and strength.
- Receiving the Word by faith means trusting God's character enough to act on what He says.

"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God."

STUDY [Matthew 4:4](#); [Deuteronomy 8:3](#)

04 Meditate until truth shapes your way.

- Joshua was told to keep the Book of the Law in his mouth and meditate on it day and night. ([Joshua 1:8](#))
- Meditation prepares obedience; it keeps truth present when decisions and pressure arrive.
- Godly success is connected to courageously doing what the Lord has spoken. ([Joshua 1:8-9](#))

"The Word of God transforms your life and makes you alive."

STUDY [Joshua 1:8-9](#); [Psalm 1:1-3](#)

05 Keep His words in your heart and home.

- Israel was called to love God wholly and keep His commands in the heart. ([Deuteronomy 6:4-6](#))
- The Word was to be taught diligently and spoken through the ordinary rhythms of family life. ([Deuteronomy 6:7-9](#))
- Remembering God's Word protects the heart from forgetting Him when life becomes comfortable. ([Deuteronomy 6:10-13](#))

"We actually live by His words."

STUDY [Deuteronomy 6:4-13](#)

06 Incline your ear and do not deviate.

- God calls His children to give attention to His words and incline the ear to His sayings. ([Proverbs 4:20](#))
- His words are life to those who find them and health to all their flesh. ([Proverbs 4:21-22](#))
- Inclining the ear is an intentional choice to keep returning attention to what God has said.

"Incline your ear to His teachings. Don't deviate."

STUDY [Proverbs 4:20-22](#)

07 Guard the heart by practicing the Word.

- The heart must be kept diligently because the issues of life flow from it. ([Proverbs 4:23](#))

- God's commands function as guardrails that keep a life on the path that leads to Him.
- Hearing becomes fruitful when it turns into steady, practical obedience. ([James 1:22-25](#))

"The Word of God is alive."

STUDY [Proverbs 4:23](#); [Proverbs 3:1-4](#); [James 1:22-25](#)

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Read the Word in context.

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How will you put the Word into practice?

Where is God asking you to surrender your own will and engage Him more fully?

What Scripture needs more than a quick reading—meditation, faith, and obedience?

How can you keep God's Word present in the ordinary rhythms of your home?

What guardrail from Scripture will help you protect your heart this week?
