



## THE IMPERISHABLE WORD OF GOD

Jesus proclaimed that heaven and earth will eventually pass away, but My word will not pass away. (Mk 13:31)

We have an eternal truth in the Bible. In I Peter 1:22-25, we have three things that the word will produce. It produces Purification, but only if we are willing to trust and obey. It is important and scriptural that we must obey the word in order to grow into a pure life. The Word produces Love. When we obey God's will, we will have a strong love for others. Jesus commanded us "to love others as I have loved you." Love is truly the defining mark of someone who has been cleansed by the word.

A heart that obeys God will always be thing of loving and serving others.

The Word also produces Eternity. "for you have been born again, of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God. Like grass, we wither away but the word of the Lord stands forever. When we respond to the word, with a life of faithful obedience, there is therefore, treasure laid up for you in heaven.

## A PATTERN FOR PERSONALITY

Surveys in our culture say that people are more ill-mannered and rude than in the past. Some blame it on stress of our society and work. But God gives us some principles to go by in James 1:19-25. We should be (1) Quick to Listen. Folks what to tell their story and we should be a good and patient listener. The ability to listen first is sure to make us more friends. Then be (2) Slow to speak. The Proverb writer says that he who holds his tongue is wise. Too often a ill word spoken or engaging the tongue before the brain is in gear can cause a multitude of problems. James goes on to (3) Be Slow to Anger) People with that hair-trigger temper are walking a dangerous bath for themselves and certainly for those around them. We should be (4) Quick to Rid. That passage goes on to say get rid of moral filth and evil and humbly accept the word planted in you, which will save. We can't avoid temptation, living in the world, but we can be quick to reject it, fleeing from the devil. We must be (5) Quick to Act. James say we can't be just a hearer of the word, but must do the things we are taught. A person with belief but no action is like a person who looks into the mirror and then immediately forget what he looks like. We must be a person who works and serves enthusiastically. Paul says, Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Follow these five principles and your life and the lives of others will be truly blessed.