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### THE BIBLE'S POWER

1. It \_\_\_\_\_.

(Romans 10:17 NKJ) So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

(2 Timothy 3:16-17) All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.

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(Acts 2:37) Peter's words pierced their hearts, and they said to him and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?"

(John 17:17) Make them holy by your truth; teach them your word, which is truth.

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(Psalm 119:105) Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.

4. It \_\_\_\_\_.

(1 Peter 1:23 NKJ) having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever

(James 1:18) He chose to give birth to us by giving us his true word. And we, out of all creation, became his prized possession.

5. It \_\_\_\_\_.

(Isaiah 55:10-11) "The rain and snow come down from the heavens and stay on the ground to water the earth. They cause the grain to grow, producing seed for the farmer and bread for the hungry. It is the same with my word. I send it out, and it always produces fruit. It will accomplish all I want it to, and it will prosper everywhere I send it.

➤ Let God's Word \_\_\_\_\_ your life!

(Colossians 3:16) Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts. And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father.

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