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Dear Friend,

During my quiet time I read the following: "And ye have not His Word abiding in you for Whom He hath sent, Him ye believe not." (KJV, A.W. Tozer Bible) I stopped and read the verse many times. The word "abiding" jumped off the page and caused me to focus on it.

The Greek word for abide is meno. It has significant meaning. The Theological Dictionary of the New Testament by Bromily says it means, "remaining, to dwell, a dwelling place, to stay in one place, to endure." The Expository Dictionary of the New Testament Words by Vine says, "of a place, continue, endure, stand, tarry." One writer explained meno as "to be at home (abide)" Are you "at home" in God's Word?

In John 5:38 Jesus said the reason for their unbelief was that they were not abiding in Scripture. I thought on the benefits of abiding in Scripture.

Psalm 119:105 "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, a light unto my path." Abiding in His Word can give guidance in making life decisions. I remember making a decision about two great opportunities. A Bible college called and asked me to be college Dean. About the same time, I was asked to take the leadership of a struggling new Bible school for training ministers. Both were good schools. God gave me light on His choice for me. God confirmed it by giving me peace. This has happened many times when I had to make life choices.

Psalm 119:11 "Thy Word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against Thee." Another benefit of making God's Word at home in your heart is that it allows the Holy Spirit to bring the right Scripture to mind so I won't make sinful choices. Abiding in God's Word is a real deterrent to sin.

John 8:31 "Then said Jesus to the Jews which believed on Him, 'If ye continue in my Word, then are ye my disciples indeed'." The Greek word for "continue" is meno, or abide. The sign of a true disciple is one who abides in God's Word. If I am a disciple of Jesus, I need to know what He said and make it a part of my thinking. I Timothy 6:3 says if any man teaches otherwise and consents not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ and to the doctrine which is according to godliness he is conceited and understands nothing. This verse gives us a way to test religious teaching. 1) Is it based on the Words of Christ? 2) If I follow it, will it lead me to a godly life-style?

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John 15:7 This is one of my favorite verses. "If you abide in me and my words abide in you, you shall ask what you will and it will be given you." This is one of the first verses I memorized. It is a guarantee by Jesus that my prayer will be answered. The key is abiding in God's Word. Why? When my prayers are in line with the Word of God, I will not pray selfish prayers that are all about me.

If you would like more help on engrafting Scripture into your life and biblical meditation and prayer, go to our website, wwwbiblical restoration ministries.org.

Paul Jordan and I did a week-long conference at JAARS, a division of Wycliffe Bible Translators, this year. About 500 attended. What a blessing to minister to God's servants. The videos from that conference are also on our website.

Thank you for your prayers and financial gifts which make this ministry possible. After 24 years of ministry here, we still continue to offer our services free of charge.

God Bless You,

Jim and Marguerite Logan

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