

The Heart of the Matter - #5 Heart Disclosure
Hebrews 4:11-13

1. The Word of God Is God's Word

Inspired By God Himself

2 Timothy 3:16-17, "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God"

- **The Bible is the _____ of God**

2 Peter 1:20-21, "...but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit."

God Deals With Men through _____

2. The Word of God Is Living Power

As Is the God Who Spoke It

- **The Bible is _____**

The Bible speeds to fulfill the purpose for which it was spoken.

Isaiah 55:11, ".....it shall not return to Me void...."

The Bible Is Always _____ to Those Who Hear It or Read It

- **The Bible is _____**

Psalms 119:89, "Forever, O Lord, Your word is settled in heaven."

Matthew 24:35, "My words will by no means pass away."

1 Peter 1:22, "...the word of God which lives and abides forever."

The Bible Is Always _____ To Every Generation

3. The Word of God Is Penetrating

The Bible Lays Us Open

The Bible exposes us for what we really are. It brings our subconscious motives and decisions into the light.

- **The Bible uncovers what is natural and what is _____**

The word used for sword is also used for scalpel. The Bible probes our inmost being. It exposes our hypocrisy or commends our sincerity.

The Bible Detects What Is True Salvation and What Is Mere

4. The Word of God Is Discerning

The Bible Exposes Our Heart

The word "discerner" is the source of our English word critic.

The inner life of the believer is often a strange mixture of motivations both genuinely spiritual and completely human.

The "thoughts" are the inner reasoning; the "intentions" are the inner purposes and designs.

- **The Bible _____ our inner motives, emotions, and thoughts**

1 Chronicles 28:9, "...for the Lord searches all hearts and understands all the intent of the thoughts."

Jeremiah 17:10, "I, the Lord, search the heart, I test the mind..."

The Bible Discerns the _____ Feelings of Our Heart

5. The Word of God Is Revealing

The Bible Not Only Discerns It Exposes

(13) "...but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him...."

The word "open" was used in two ways in Greek literature. It was used of a wrestler who grabbed his opponent by the throat. It was also used of convicts who would have a knife placed on their throat and their neck bent back so their face was in full view.

• **The Word of God brings us face to face with the**

When I am exposed by God's Word I have a choice to make at that moment.

The Discerning and Exposing Work of the Word of God Demands a

James 1:23-25, "For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does."

2 Corinthians 5:10, "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad."

God Is the One Who Does the _____