

RESPONDING TO GOD THROUGH HIS WORD

Responding to God through His Word

1. Thinking differently – The Bible is a Spiritual book

a. God's Word is alive (Hebrews 4:12)

1. This is God's message –

2. This is God speaking –

3. Claims to be alive: *"It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are Spirit, and they are life."* (John 6:63)

"For the Word of God is living and powerful, and sharper, even to the division of soul and spirit, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." (Hebrews 4:12)

b. From childhood unable to speak –

How can I respond to God through His Word?

c. Meeting with God -

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It is important to respond personally and correctly.

Proverbs 3:5-6. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths."

You might respond,

- "Lord, help me to trust and depend on You more and not to think I have all the answers.
- Help me to talk to You about everything in my life.
- Thank you that you will show me the right ways to go and the right things to do."

2. We need to teach the children how to have a two-way conversation with God

a. **Respond** (means to):

b. **Personally**:

c. **Correctly**:

d. **Incorrectly**:

IN THIS VERSE, IS THERE A...

Promise to claim?

- Are there any promises?
- What does God say He will do?
- Is there something that God tells us to do, if we want this promise for ourselves? (Memorizing this promise will help in the days ahead.)
- Is there a promise I can trust, for a situation I'm in?

Sin to avoid?

- What is the sin to avoid?
- What does this passage teach about sin?
- Does it speak of any consequences of sin?

Warning to heed? What is the warning to heed?

- What is the exact warning?

Command to obey? What is the command to obey?

- What is the exact command?
- How can I obey it?

Good example to follow? What is the good example to follow?

- What is the exact good example?
- How can I follow it?

Bad example to shun? What is the bad example to shun?

- What is the exact bad example?

New/fresh thought about God the Father?

- What does the passage teach about God's character?
- Is there a truth about God the Father that I can rejoice in?
- What characteristics of God do you see, such as patience, mercy, anger, power, love, or knowledge?
- How is God the Father responding to people?
- What difference does it make to you that He is like this? Could you take some time to praise Him for it?

New/fresh thought about God the Son

- Is there a truth about God the Son I can rejoice in?
- What characteristics of God do you see, such as patience, mercy, anger, power, love or knowledge?
- How is God the Son responding to people?
- What difference does it make to you that He is like this? Could you take some time to praise Him for it?

New/fresh thought about God the Holy Spirit

- What role does God the Holy Spirit play in the passage?
- Is there a truth about God the Holy Spirit that I can rejoice in?
- What characteristics of God do you see, such as patience, mercy, anger, power, love or knowledge?
- How is God the Holy Spirit responding to people?
- What difference does it make to you that He is like this? Could you take some time to praise Him for it?

Fresh insight into the person of Satan?

Fresh insight into Satan's cruel goals?

- Might this give me insight into how the world operates?

Fresh insight into Satan's subtle devices?

- Does this give me a warning to heed?
- Might this give me insight into how the world operates?

PSALMS 111:1-4

PRAISE the LORD!

I will praise the LORD with my whole heart,
In the assembly of the upright and in the
congregation.

The works of the LORD are great,
Studied by all who have pleasure in them.

His work is honorable and glorious,
And His righteousness endures forever.

He has made His wonderful works to be
remembered;
The LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

MATTHEW 11:28-30

"Come to Me, all you who labor and are
heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

"Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me,
for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will
find rest for your souls.

"For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

LUKE 9:23-26

Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to
come after Me, let him deny himself, and take
up his cross daily, and follow Me.

"For whoever desires to save his life will lose it,
but whoever loses his life for My sake will save
it.

"For what profit is it to a man if he gains the
whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost?"

"For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words,
of him the Son of Man will be ashamed when
He comes in His own glory, and in His Father's,
and of the holy angels.

"But I tell you truly, there are some standing
here who shall not taste death till they see the
kingdom of God."

MARK 10:13-16

Then they brought little children to Him, that He
might touch them; but the disciples rebuked
those who brought them.

But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly
displeased and said to them, "Let the little
children come to Me, and do not forbid them;
for of such is the kingdom of God.

"Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not
receive the kingdom of God as a little child will
by no means enter it."

And He took them up in His arms, laid His
hands on them, and blessed them.

LUKE 11:2

Then He said to them, "The harvest truly is
great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray
the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers
into His harvest.

MATTHEW 6:19-24

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on
earth, where moth and rust destroy and where
thieves break in and steal;

"but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven,
where neither moth nor rust destroys and
where thieves do not break in and steal."

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will
be also."

"The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore
your eye is good, your whole body will be full
of light."

"But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be
full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in
you is darkness, how great is that darkness!"

"No one can serve two masters; for either he
will hate the one and love the other, or else he
will be loyal to the one and despise the other.
You cannot serve God and mammon."