

**Series: Choices**

**Choosing to Trust God's Word - Part 1**

*Psalm 119:25-40 (NIV)*

**TEN REASONS TO CHOOSE TO TRUST GOD'S WORD**

1 Thessalonians 2:13 (NIV)

*And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is at work in you who believe.*

**1. WE CAN TRUST THE RELIABILITY OF GOD'S WORD.**

*v. 27 "Let me understand the teaching of your precepts; then I will meditate on your wonders."*

2 Timothy 3:16 (NIV)

*All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness.*

**2. WE FIND STRENGTH FROM GOD'S WORD.**

*v. 28 "My soul is weary with sorrow; strengthen me according to your word."*

Hebrews 4:12 (NIV)

*For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.*

**3. WE CAN FIGHT TEMPTATION WITH GOD'S WORD.**

*v. 29 "Keep me from deceitful ways; be gracious to me through your law."*

Psalm 119:11 (NIV)

*I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.*

Our example—The Temptation of Jesus. *Matthew 4:1-11*

**4. WE DISCOVER TRUTH IN GOD'S WORD.**

*v. 30 "I have chosen the way of truth; I have set my heart on your laws."*

Psalm 111:7 (NASB-U)

*The works of His hands are truth and justice; All His precepts are sure.*

John 17:17 (NIV)

*Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.*

**5. WE EXPERIENCE GENUINE FREEDOM FROM GOD'S WORD.**

*vv. 31-32 "I hold fast to your statutes, O Lord; do not let me be put to shame. I run in the path of your commands, for you have set my heart free."*

Romans 6:17-18 (NIV)

*But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you wholeheartedly obeyed the form of teaching to which you were entrusted. <sup>18</sup>You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.*

**When we choose to trust in God's Word, we set in motion God's plan to reveal Himself to us in a variety of ways.**