



INTEGRATING GOD'S WORD INTO MY LIFE – Pastor Alton Trimble
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HOW DO I MAINTAIN A HEART FOR GOD'S WORD?

Jesus said, *"If you continue in my word then you're really my followers...then you're my disciples."*

Begins with DESIRE: I must want to be a Man/Woman of the Word!

PSALM 119:20 *"What I want most of all & at all times is to honor your laws"*

SIX (6) WAYS TO INTEGRATE GOD'S WORD INTO YOUR LIFE

The keys are the SIX VERSES we've memorized.

1. BUILD ON IT.

- Build my life on the Bible!

MATTHEW 7:24 *"Everyone who hears these words of mine, and puts them into practice, is like a wise man who built his house on the rock."*

FOUR (4) UNRELIABLE FOUNDATIONS FOR YOUR LIFE:

- i. POPULAR CULTURE - Truth by Popularity: *"Everyone is doing it!"*

But God says: EXODUS 23:2 *"Do not follow the crowd in doing wrong."*

- ii. TRADITION - *"We've always done it that way!"*

MARK 7:8 Jesus *"You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to the traditions of men!"*

- iii. REASON – I rely on my own intellect. *"It sounds logical!"*

PROVERBS 16:25 *"There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death."*

- iv. EMOTION *"Feels right, so must be right" "I do what I feel"*

Problem: Feelings LIE! You can be fooled by feelings!

JUDGES 21:25 (MSG) *“At that time there was no king in Israel. People did whatever they felt like doing.”*

2. FEED ON IT.

“Man shall not live by bread alone”

COLOSSIANS 3:16 *“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.”*

FIVE (5) WAYS TO FEED ON GOD'S WORD:

- I can RECEIVE IT with my ears. (listen)

ROMANS 10:17 (NKJV) *“So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”*

- I can READ IT with my eyes!
- I can RESEARCH IT with my hands & mouth (study)
- I can REFLECT ON IT with my mind
- I can REMEMBER IT with my heart

3. LIVE BY IT.

PSALM 119:11 *“I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.”*

4. I GROW THROUGH IT.

PSALM 119:18 *“Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.”*

PARABLE OF THE 4 SOILS (LUKE 8:4-15)

LUKE 8:5 *“A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path; it was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up.”*

LUKE 8:12 *“Those along the footpath are the ones who hear, and then the devil comes along and takes away the word from their hearts, so they cannot believe and be saved.”*

1. The hardened soil = a closed mind
2. The shallow soil = a superficial mind

LUKE 8:6 *“Other seed fell on shallow soil with underlying rock. This seed began to grow, but soon it withered and died for lack of moisture.”*

LUKE 8:13 “The rocky soil represents those who hear the message with joy. But like young plants in such soil, their roots don't go very deep. They believe for a while, but they wilt when the hot winds of testing blow.”

3. The soil with weeds = a preoccupied mind

LUKE 8:7 “Other seed fell in the weeds; the weeds grew with it and strangled it.”

LUKE 8:14 “The seed that fell among weeds stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way, they are choked by life's worries, riches, and pleasures, and they don't mature.”

4. The good soil = a willing mind

LUKE 8:15 “The seeds that fell in good soil stand for those who hear the message and retain it in a good and obedient heart, and they persist until they bear fruit.”

5. ACT ON IT.

JAMES 1:22 “Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.”

Picture it!	Visualize the scene in your mind
Pronounce it!	Emphasize each word aloud
Paraphrase it!	Write it down in your own words
Personalize it!	Put your name in the verse
Probe it!	Ask the S.P.A.C.E.P.E.T.S. questions
Pray it!	Pray the verse back to God

6. TRUST IN IT.

PSALM 119:105 “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.”