

**Title: The Power of the Word
Hebrews 4:12,13**

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Walk-in: What is the most powerful weapon in our world? The hydrogen bomb? For the Christ follower he has at his disposal the most powerful weapon in the world. It is the written Word of God. Paul describes the good news of the gospel as the power (dynamite) of God. (ROM 1:16) How is it that this Word has such power to change lives as the source of truth in our world. The above verses describe the awesome power of His Word.

First we see that God's Word is a L Word.

"For the word of God is living and active." HEB 4:12a

God's Word lives because it is the W of the living God.

"The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life" (John 6:63).

God's Word lives because it gives L.

Peter reveals, "You have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God" (1 Pet. 1:23).

God's Word lives because it has inherent E.

When Jesus was arrested, a word from Him forced His adversaries to the ground (John 18:6).

Christ will win His final victory over all opposition with His energetic word. (Rev. 19:15)

God's Word lives because it is constantly A.

ISA 55:10,11; JER 23:29

Further we see that God's Word is also a C Word. *"Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and intents of the heart. - HEB 4:12b*

God's Word cuts S:

"Sharper than any double-edged sword." - HEB 4:12 a.

"Take . . . the sword of the Spirit which is the word of God" (Eph. 6:17).

God's Word cuts T:

"it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow" - Heb. 4:12b.

Finally, we see that God's Word is an E Word.

"...It judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account." - HEB 4:12c,13

God's Word exposes P:

"It judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart" (v. 12).

We must not harden the heart (3:8), for it tends always to stray (v. 10), and God must write His law within our heart (8:10). We must draw near to God with a sincere heart (10:22), and we can do that only with a heart strengthened by His grace (13:9).

God's Word exposes U:

"Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight."

God's Word exposes P:

"Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account" (v. 13).

Wrap-up: What a potent thing is this Word of God! To know the life it gives we must saturate ourselves in that very Word. We must let it cut, penetrate, expose, and then give the only healing that is healing indeed. Allow His Word to do its work on and in you today.