

Exalt God's Word by taking it in so you can give it out.

I. Exalt God's Word, because He Does

- A. Treat it like you should treat _____

- B. Exalt Word and _____

- C. Entreat the Spirit's help to _____ the Word

II. Take God's Word IN

- A. Embrace your _____

- B. Be _____

III. Give God's Word OUT

- A. In your _____

- B. In your _____

- C. In the _____

I, a poor sinner, confess before you, my God and Creator, that I have sinned gravely and in various ways against you, not only with outward gross sins, but much more with internal, innate blindness, unbelief, doubts, faintheartedness, impatience, pride, evil greed, secret envy, hatred and jealousy, as well as other evil emotions.

You, my Lord and God, recognize this in me very well, but sadly I cannot recognize them sufficiently. I feel sorrow and regret for them and wholeheartedly desire grace through your dear Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

Zacharias Ursinus

Monday Matthew 6:1-6

What lies at the root of people practicing righteousness in order to be seen by others? What is the (small) reward given to those who give or pray to impress others? Use the prayer, above, asking the Spirit to rid you of sinful motives.

Tuesday I Peter 4:7-11

Why do you need the call to love *earnestly*? What do we often settle for? What context for using the Spirit's gifts is named here? If you're not speaking God's words as you seek to love others, what words do you use? How may the Spirit be leading you to speak God's words to another, with a goal of genuine love? How and when will you do so?

Wednesday Ephesians 4:1-16

What is the goal of the ordained equippers of v 11? Who, besides the pastors and teachers, is called to speak the truth in love (v 15) for the goal of the church's growth in maturity? What do people need to be able to speak truth in an edifying and effective way? What holds people back? Pray for the Spirit to enlighten the eyes of our hearts (both yours and ours).

Thursday Psalm 138:1-3

For what does the psalmist give thanks? Why should you exalt God's word (see v 2b)? Are his words a joy and the delight of your heart? Do you hide it in your heart, or easily forget it? Pray the Spirit would give you hunger for God and his word then read by faith, humbling yourself before the voice of God.

Friday Psalm 119:161-168

How do these verses call you to value God's word highly? What in this life feels like a better "find" or treasure than God's word? Things? Emotional well-being? Wealth? Getting your way? Security? Entreat the Spirit to illumine your mind and enlarge your heart to value more highly God and his word.

Saturday Psalm 127-128

Prepare for worship tomorrow with these two psalms.