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LESSON TITLE: IT IS WRITTEN

(The Importance of knowing the scriptures)

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(Proverbs 1:5) ***A wise man** will hear and will increase learning; and a **man of understanding** shall attain unto wise counsels.*

(Proverbs 9:9) *Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser: teach a just man, and he will **increase in learning**.*

(2nd Timothy 3:16-17) *All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.*

(2nd Peter 1: 20-21) *Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.*

(2nd Timothy 4:1-2) *I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and kingdom; Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.*

(John 17:17) *Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.*

(Matthew 22:23-30) *The same day came to him the Sadducees, which say that there is no resurrection, and asked him, Saying, Master, Moses said, If a man die, having no children, his brother shall marry his wife, and raise up seed unto his brother (Deuteronomy 25:5). Now there were with us seven brethren: and the first, when he had married a wife, deceased, and, having no issue, left his wife unto his brother: Likewise the second also, and the third, unto the seventh. And last of all the woman died also. Therefore in the resurrection whose wife shall she be of the seven? For they all had her. Jesus answered and said unto them, **Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.** For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven.*

(2nd Timothy 2:15) *Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, **rightly dividing the word of truth.** (To dissect, to expound correctly.)*

Note: Know what the Bible says, know where it's said, know what it means, and have the wisdom to use the right scripture at the right time. As ministers of the gospel, we certainly need to know the scriptures and know them well, and those who hold the office of pastor, need to instruct the flock over which we have been given the oversight, how important it is that they too diligently study and learn God's word. As we preach the word, they need to know themselves if what they're hearing is true.

(Acts 17:10-11) And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto Berea: who coming hither went into the synagogue of the Jews, These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

Study: (Spoudazo) To be diligent, to exert oneself, to endeavor.

(2nd Peter 3:14) Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent (Spoudazo) that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

(2nd Timothy 4:9) Do thy diligence (Spoudazo) to come shortly unto me.

(1st Thessalonians 2:17) But we, brethren, being taken from you for a short time in presence, not in heart, endeavoured, (Spoudazo), the more abundantly to see your face with great desire.

(Ephesians 4:3) Endeavouring (Spoudazo) to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

*(1st Timothy 4:12-16) Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity, Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands on the presbytery. **Mediate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all. Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.***

The statement, **IT IS WRITTEN**, is found many times throughout the Bible. When said, it means it's recorded in the Holy Scriptures.

When you read those words, perhaps you only think about a passage of scripture. However, when you are reading and studying God's word and find it being said, it's not only in reference to what the Bible says, but also what is being discussed. While preparing this lesson I came across this statement that I believe to be very accurate. It is written is referring to a passage from the scriptures that is relevant to the current discussion.

(Matthew 4: 1-11) Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungered. And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God,

command that these stones be made bread. But he answered and said, , Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. (Deuteronomy 8:3) Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. (Psalm 91:11-12) Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.(Deuteronomy 6:16)

Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. (Deuteronomy 10:20) Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

(Ephesians 6:10-17) Paul wrote to the church at Ephesus teaching them that in order to stand against the wiles of the devil it was necessary to **PUT ON THE WHOLE ARMOUR OF GOD**. One of those pieces of armour is the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God! We see how skillfully Jesus used it when He was being tempted of the devil!

*Consider the numerous Old Testament scriptures that speak about bread, or tempting God, or worshipping someone or something other than God, that Jesus could have used. But obviously none of them were more relevant to the current situation than those he used.

(Matthew 21: 12-13) *And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers , and the seats of them that sold doves, And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.*

Jesus used this exact scripture to give the exact reason why He took such action. He didn't go into the temple, overthrow their tables, and quote (Malachi 3:1) *Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple.*

(Mark 9: 9-13) *And as they came down from the mountain, he charged them that they should tell no man what things they had seen, till the Son of man were risen from the dead. And they kept that saying with themselves, questioning one with another what the rising from the dead should mean. And they asked him saying, Why say the scribes that Elias must first come? And he answered and told them, Elias verily cometh first, and restoreth all things; and how it is written of the Son of man, that he must suffer many things, and be set at nought. But I say unto you, That Elias is indeed come, and they have done unto him whatsoever they listed, as it is written of him.*

(Luke 24:44-48) *And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me. Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things.*

(John 12:12-16) *On the next day much people that were come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, Took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord. And Jesus, when he had found a young ass, sat thereon; as it is written, Fear not, daughter of Sion: behold thy King cometh, sitting on an ass's colt. These things understood not his disciples at first: but when Jesus was glorified, then remembered they that these things were written of him, and that they had done these things unto him.*

(Mark 14:21) *The Son of man indeed goeth, as it is written of him: but woe to that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! good were it for that man if he had never been born.*

In Paul's writings he stated frequently, it is written, in fact, as he wrote various epistles he said those words approximately 30 times.

(Romans 1:16-17) *For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith. (Habakkuk 2:4)*

(Romans 8: 35-37) *Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. (Psalm 44:22) Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.*

(Romans 14: 10-12) *But why dost thou judge thy brother? Or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. (Isaiah 45:23) So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.*

(1st Corinthians 1: 26-31) *For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: That no flesh should glory in his presence. But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made known unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and*

redemption: That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.
(Jeremiah 9:23-24)

(Galatians 3: 10-14) For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them. But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith. And the law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them. Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:(Deuteronomy 21:22-23) That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

(1st Peter 1: 13-15) Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: But as he which hath called you is holy, be ye holy in all manner of conversation; (Why?)

BECAUSE IT IS WRITTEN, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

(Acts 8:26-35) And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert. And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem to worship, Was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet. Then the Spirit aid unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot. And Philip ran hither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readeest? And he said, How can I except some man guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him. The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth: In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? For his life is taken from the earth. And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? Of himself, or of some other man? Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.

Conclusion: May God's holy word be to us what the psalmist David said it was to him,
(Psalm 119:105) *Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.* May we apply it as he said, (Psalm 119:11) *Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against thee.*
(Psalm 119:114) *Thou art my hiding place and my shield: I hope in thy word.* And may we never forget, (Psalm 119:89) *For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven.*