

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 Thessalonians 2:13 (NIV)

Received

That is a very important word. What's that? **Received, is a very important word.** How so? **I will ask you a few questions to help you understand the importance of the word, received.** Go ahead, I'm listening. It is very good that you are listening. Here are my questions. **How are you receiving my word into your life? How has receiving my word into your life allowed me to use my word to work in your life? How have I used my word to change your heart, transform your mind and guide your life? How are your thoughts, words and deeds different because my word has been working in you? How has the entire course of your life changed because my word has been working in you? What will happen to your life if you do not continue to receive my word into it?** You have asked a lot of questions. **You can start answering them now.**

I will start by answering your first and last questions. **That's great.** I am meeting with your word. I have set apart a time and a place to meet every day with you in your word. I am meditating on your word day and night. I am letting your word dwell in me richly. **How so?** I am reading your word. I am studying your word. I am meditating on and memorizing your word. I am praying your word. I am proclaiming your word to others. I am taking a firm hold of your word so that it takes a firm hold of me. **What do you mean by that?** Well, in every way possible I am receiving your word into my life and then I am putting it into practice as I love, follow and serve you. **That is very good. What would happen if you didn't receive my word into your life and then put into practice?** That was your last question. **Yes, it was.** Your working in my life will be hindered and short circuited if I don't receive your word into my life and then put it into practice. **That's true.**

What kind of work has my word been doing in you? Your word has been changing my heart, transforming my mind and guiding my life. **How so?** Your word has broken me free from bondages that once entangled my life. Your word has made me able to stand against evil and resist temptation. Your word has given me new thoughts to think, words to speak and deeds to do. Your word has set me on fire to want to know and do your will. Your word has given me a passion to want to do what is pleasing to you. Your word has changed the entire course of my life. **Yes, it has. Keep on receiving my word into your life.** Yes Lord, I will. **That will be very good.**

Heavenly Father, thank you for your word. Daily I am receiving your word into my life. Use your word to do your work in my life. Use your word to change my heart, transform my mind and guide my life. Thank you for molding and shaping me with your word. Amen

Gratitude *Received The Word*

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.

NIV 1 Thessalonians 2:13

Gratitude *Received The Word*

And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.

ESV 1 Thessalonians 2:13

Gratitude *Received His Message*

Therefore, we never stop thanking God that when you received his message from us, you didn't think of our words as mere human ideas. You accepted what we said as the very word of God—which, of course, it is. And this word continues to work in you who believe.

NLT 1 Thessalonians 2:13

Gratitude *Received The Word*

For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe.

NKJV 1 Thessalonians 2:13

Gratitude *Received The Word*

We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God's word, which is also at work in you believers.

NRSV 1 Thessalonians 2:13

Gratitude *Got The Message*

And now we look back on all this and thank God, an artesian well of thanks! When you got the Message of God we preached, you didn't pass it off as just one more human opinion, but you took it to heart as God's true word to you, which it is, God himself at work in you believers!

MSG 1 Thessalonians 2:13

Gratitude *Received The Message*

And we also [especially] thank God continually for this, that when you received the message of God [which you heard] from us, you welcomed it not as the word of [mere] men, but as it truly is, the Word of God, which is effectually at work in you who believe [exercising its superhuman power in those who adhere to and trust in and rely on it].

AMP 1 Thessalonians 2:13

Gratitude *Accepted What We Said*

And we will never stop thanking God for this: that when we preached to you, you didn't think of the words we spoke as being just our own, but you accepted what we said as the very Word of God—which, of course, it was—and it changed your lives when you believed it.

TLB 1 Thessalonians 2:13

Gratitude *Received The Word*

For this reason we also constantly thank God that when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but for what it really is, the word of God, which also performs its work in you who believe.

NASB 1 Thessalonians 2:13

Gratitude *Heard His Message*

Also, we always thank God because when you heard his message from us, you accepted it as the word of God, not the words of humans. And it really is God's message which works in you who believe.

NCV 1 Thessalonians 2:13

Received The Word

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Gratitude – 1 Thessalonians 2:13

In Context: *Read 1 Thessalonians 2*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God’s Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture:

(What prayer from your heart will you write?)

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What It Means: ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

How are you making it your daily pattern to receive God’s word into your life?

How has God used His word to change your heart, transform your mind and guide your life?

How are your thoughts, words, and deeds different because God’s word has been working in you?

How has the course of your life been changed because God’s word has been working in you?

What will happen to your life if you do not receive God’s word into it?

How are you helping others to hear and receive God’s word into their lives?

What thanks would you like to give to God for His word working in you?

Living It Out:

(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)

Give thanks to God that as you receive His word into your life it is doing His work in you.

Seeing It Happen:

(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)

Have faith that God’s word will do its work in you as you receive it into your life.

Get Ready To Share:

(What can you share with others from your heart?)

Share with another person or your small group how you are receiving God’s word into your life.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you receive God's word into your heart and mind and life so it can work in you.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Heavenly Father, I will receive your word into my heart and mind and life so it can work in me.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Heavenly Father, how can I receive your word into my heart and mind and life so it can work in me today?
