

For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Hebrews 4:12 (NIV)

Be Thankful

You can be thankful for that. I can be thankful for what? **You can be thankful that my word is living and active. My word is like a sharp double-edged sword. My word will penetrate deeply within you. You will be changed as you meet with me in my word. I will use my word to change your heart. I will use my word to transform your mind. I will use my word to guard and guide your life. Not a thought or word or action of yours will be left untouched by my word. My word will make all your thoughts and words and action brand new as it dwells in you.** For this I am thankful.

My word is as relevant today as when it was first written. My word will jump off the page and speak powerfully into your life. At times, you will think that certain words were written just for you. You will receive wisdom from my word. You will receive hope and peace and joy as you listen attentively to me speaking to you through my word. For this I am thankful.

Don't wander away from my word. Keep my word ever before you. My word will mold and shape you. My word will prune your life. My word will make it so you can bear an abundance of fruit for my kingdom. My word will make it so you can bring glory to my name. My word working in you, will make you shine as a bright and bold witness in the darkness of this world. For this I am thankful.

Let my word dwell in you richly. Think deeply about all I am saying to you. Take a firm grip on my word so that it will take a firm grip on you. You will find protection from my word. My word will make you able to resist temptation and fight against evil. Your faith and hope and trust in me will grow as you remain in my word. For this I am thankful.

Your word is beyond compare. There is no place I would rather be than meeting with you in your word. There is nothing I would do than listen to all that you have to say to me. So, I will meet with you daily in your word. I will hide your word in my heart. I will treasure your word above all else. **That will be very good.**

Heavenly Father, I know that your word is living and active. I know that you will use your word like a sword to work in me, for me, and through me. Deeply penetrate my heart with your word. Use your word to change all the thoughts and attitudes of my heart. Amen

The Word Centered Life *Living And Active*

For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

NIV Hebrews 4:12

The Word Centered Life *Living And Active*

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

ESV Hebrews 4:12

The Word Centered Life *Alive And Powerful*

For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.

NLT Hebrews 4:12

The Word Centered Life *Living And Powerful*

For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

NKJV Hebrews 4:12

The Word Centered Life *Living And Active*

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

NRSV Hebrews 4:12

The Word Centered Life *Powerful Word*

God means what he says. What he says goes. His powerful Word is sharp as a surgeon's scalpel, cutting through everything, whether doubt or defense, laying us open to listen and obey.

MSG Hebrews 4:12

The Word Centered Life *Alive And Full Of Power*

For the Word that God speaks is alive and full of power [making it active, operative, energizing, and effective]; it is sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating to the dividing line of the breath of life (soul) and [the immortal] spirit, and of joints and marrow [of the deepest parts of our nature], exposing and sifting and analyzing and judging the very thoughts and purposes of the heart.

AMP Hebrews 4:12

The Word Centered Life *Full Of Living Power*

For whatever God says to us is full of living power: it is sharper than the sharpest dagger, cutting swift and deep into our innermost thoughts and desires with all their parts, exposing us for what we really are.

TLB Hebrews 4:12

The Word Centered Life *Living And Active*

For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

NASB Hebrews 4:12

The Word Centered Life *Alive And Working*

God's word is alive and working and is sharper than a double-edged sword. It cuts all the way into us, where the soul and the spirit are joined, to the center of our joints and bones. And it judges the thoughts and feelings in our hearts.

NCV Hebrews 4:12

Living And Active

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

The Word Centered Life – Hebrews 4:12

In Context: *Read Hebrews 4*

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)*

When are you making daily time to meet with God in His word?

How are you allowing God's word to penetrate your heart so it can do its life changing work in you?

Why can you be sure that God's word is as living, active, and as relevant today as when it was first written?

How has God's word been so living and active that it spoke directly to your immediate situation?

When has God's word revealed to you something that was undesirable in your heart?

How has God used His word to change the attitudes of your heart?

How has God been using His word to transform the thoughts of your mind?

Living It Out: ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Allow God's word to guard and guide all your thoughts and words and actions.

Seeing It Happen: ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that God will use His word to change your heart, transform your mind, and guide 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 allowing God's to penetrate deeply into your heart.

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 allow God's word to penetrate you so it can transform the thoughts and attitudes of your heart.

Prayer To Carry

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

Heavenly Father, I will allow you to penetrate my heart with your word so I can be transformed.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Heavenly Father, how do you want to use your word to penetrate my heart and transform me today?
