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C. Elijah Bronner: God's word is like gold which you have to mind for gold, you got to dig for gold. You very rarely find gold just sitting around on top of the ground.

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C. Elijah Bronner: Thank you for joining Brothers of the Word, because brother you need the word.

We welcome all of you joining us by television and those of you joining us online at BrothersoftheWord.com, Facebook live. We welcome you to today's service, always a wonderful, delight and joy to have you to tune in and join us.

I would like to share just a little humor. An elderly couple, they went to a county fair and there was an airplane ride. The man was given airplane rides and they really wanted to ride, however the cost was \$50 a piece and so, the couple they were little hesitant about paying a \$100 for the ride. And so, the gentlemen giving them the ride, he said, "I tell you what I'll do," he said, "If you all will complete the ride without saying a word, I'll refund you and give you your money back," and they agreed.

And so, he took them up in the airplane and he did all type of aerial maneuvers, he was rolling the plane and flipping the plane. He was flying the plane upside down and then they finally landed and so, the pilot turned around to the husband, gave him his \$100 back, he said, "Man, you all did it, how did you do it?" And the husband said, "It was tough," he said, "I almost said something when my wife fell out."

And I want to share couple of scriptures. This is actually a message that came about from our men's ministry this past Sunday and brother Julian, he asked a question and his question was about how to meditate on God's word, how to meditate on God's word. And so we answered the question and Pastor James

leaned over to me and said, “That’ll make a good teaching there.” I said, “Yeah, you’re right,” so I’m going to teach on it.

So, I want to read a couple of scriptures over in the Book of Joshua, Chapter 1. We will read Verse 8, The Book of Joshua Chapter 1 and Verse 8. It says, “This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth, but thou shalt meditate therein day and night that thou shalt observe to do according to all that is written therein. For then thou shalt make thy way prosperous and then thou shalt have good success.”

I also want to read a second scripture over the Book of Psalms, Chapter 1. Psalm 1, Verses 1 through 3 and it reads there, “Blessed is the man that walk at night in the council of the ungodly or stand up in the way of sinners nor seateth in the seat of the scornful, but his delight is in the law of the Lord and in his law that he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water that bringeth forth his fruit in his season. His leaf also shall not wither and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.”

So, we’re talking about meditating on God’s word. Now, have you noticed in our first text in Joshua, Chapter 1? In our first text it says, “This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth,” that is actually translated or it means it will constantly be in your mouth. It’s saying it won’t depart out of your mouth that means it is to be constantly in your mouth. God’s word is to be constantly in your mouth.

The Hebrew where there are actually denotes an active recitation. It’s an actual re-speaking of God’s word, reciting God’s word and what it is denoting there, “This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth”. So notice, it’s actually a re-speaking of God’s word, you to be saying God’s word.

In the Hebrew thought to meditate is actually to quietly repeat the scriptures and the Hebrew thought that what it means to meditate, it means to quietly repeat the scripture. So this book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth and thou shalt meditate therein day and night. That means observe -- everybody say, “To do.” And so we meditate in the word so that we can do it.

In fact, I wrote down 12 things that we are to do with God's word. These are 12 powerful ways to put God's word to work in your life. Everybody ready? Let's go through all 12 very quickly.

Number one, read it. Everybody say, "Read it." Number two, write it, say, "Write it." Number three, say it. Number four, pray it. Number five, hear it. Number six, believe it. Number seven, think it. Number eight, visualize it. Number nine, memorize it. Number 10, study it. Number 11, do it. Number 12, meditate it. Those are 12 powerful ways to put God's word to work in your life.

So notice in Joshua, Chapter 1, it said, "This book of the law shall not depart of thy mouth and thou shalt meditate therein day and night that thou means observe to do," everybody say, "To do." So we meditate on the word, so that we can do the word because if it's on your mind then you can do it. Whatever you think about is what you bring about. And so, if this is constantly in your mind then it'll eventually begin to affect your behavior. It affects your feeling. It affects your reactions. It affects your actions. And so, if we meditate on his word it will eventually affects your behavior and your actions.

Now, the Hebrew word for meditate if you look at Psalms 1, "Blessed is the man that walk at night in the council of the ungodly nor standeth in the way of sinners nor seateth in the sit of the scornful, but his delight is in the law of the Lord and his law thus he meditate. Everybody say, "Meditate." In his law thus he meditates day and night that he may observe to do it. And so meditate in the Hebrew is the word "Hagah." In the Hebrew, Hagah.

Hagah is in relation to meditating on God's word. Hagah is to discourse with oneself. We're discoursing with ourselves concerning the great things contained in God's word. That's Hagah means. It means to discourse with one's self concerning the great things contained in God's word. And you're using your mind and your thoughts until you experience the power of it in your heart. So Hagah is discoursing with yourself, so you're talking to yourself about the great things in God's word. You're discoursing with yourself, talking to yourself about the great things that are contained in God's word. And you involve your mind and your thoughts and you do it until the power of it affects your heart. That's Hagah, that's Hagah. Everybody say, "Hagah."

So, to meditate means to reflect, it means to reflect, it means to moan means to mutter. So, you'll find in some civilizations or in some customs of different people around the world and they are actually moan, it's a low droning sound, they're meditating. So it means to reflect, means to moan, means to mutter, you're muttering to yourself.

Anybody ever seen someone talking to themselves, a lot of times you'll see older people looking around the house or even younger people these days and you're looking, "What do I do with those kids?. Man, if I could just find -- I don't know what, you know, just talk to yourself, and that's muttering. You find people walking around the house and muttering to themselves, well that's a form of meditating. When your mutter to yourself, that means to ponder, to contemplate something as one repeats the words. So you're contemplating something as you're repeating the word, so you're thinking about it as you're saying it. You're thinking about it as you are saying. It also means to quietly repeat the scriptures to thinking about them, to think about them, to quote them, to go over them, over and over.

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You're just going over and over, thinking about them, saying them, to go over and over. You're basically chewing on them, you're digesting the scriptures. You're chewing on them, just ruminating on them. You're just chewing on them, chewing on -- going over and over, over and over, over and over.

Well, what this is doing is renewing your mind to the word of God. It's renewing your mind to the word of God. It is bringing life to your spirit man and so you're just over and over and over and over. You're renewing your mind. You're renewing your mind to the word of God. It starts becoming your dominant thought and your life moves in the direction of your dominant thought and so you make the word your most dominant thought, your life will begin to move in the direction of your most dominant thought and so you just go over it and over it, muttering it, pondering it, reflecting on it, thinking about it, you're saying it over and over, you're just chewing on it, you're just chewing on it, you're just chewing on it, you're just chewing on it. It's going over and over in your mind. You're thinking about it. You're just thinking

about it. You're pondering it. You're reflecting on it. You're saying it, and all the time is renewing your mind.

All the time it is beginning to feed your spirit and this meditation eventually moves it from your mind to your heart. Power will eventually hit your heart. The power will eventually hit your heart and it begins to affect your life in a powerful way. Now, I found that there are different ways you can meditate. You can meditate on a particular scripture. You can meditate on a word, it could be word. You can meditate on a scripture. You can meditate on an entire book of the bible. You can meditate on the subject of the bible, and so there are different ways to meditate.

If you wanted to meditate on a subject, you can meditate on the life of God, then you just think about the life of God, in Him was life. That life was the light of men. I received eternal life and this life is in His son. He that hath the son, hath life and then Jesus says, "I am the way, the truth and the life. I am the resurrection and the life. If any man who believes on me, he'll never die." And so you can meditate on one word, one subject, life. You can meditate on the life of God. You can meditate just on the life of God. You can meditate on the life of God.

Then, there are other times you can meditate on a particular scripture. There was one man. You know, this man actually had a terminal disease. The doctors had given him just a few months to live and so he decided to meditate on Matthew 8:17. He had been to a healing meeting and found out about divine healing and so there was one scripture he took from the meeting, which is Matthew 8:17. He decided to meditate on it day and night, "Jesus himself took our infirmities and bare our sicknesses," and so this man began to meditate on that. He meditated on that day and night. He would do it every time he would think of it. Every time he would think, he will just meditate on himself, "Took our infirmities and bare our sicknesses." He had a terminal disease and he did it day in and day out. He did it week in and week out. He did it for months. After about six months, one day he was saying it, "Himself took our infirmities and bare our sicknesses," all of a sudden it hit his spirit, it hit his spirit and he was instantly healed.

With the power of God contained God's word, it eventually donned on his spirit, and once it hits your spirit then it overflows into your physical body. Oral Roberts said it like this, Oral Roberts

said, "Meditating on the word of God is like drilling for oil. When you're meditating on it, you're drilling down, down, down, down, down, down, down until it eventually hits your spirit. Once it hits your spirit, it comes up like a gusher," and that's what happened to that man. He kept meditating. He was just digging. He was digging himself, "took our infirmities and bare our sicknesses." He just saw Jesus himself taking our infirmities and baring our sicknesses. He just kept saying it. He kept believing it. He kept reading it. He kept hearing it, seeing it, saying it, hearing it, and he meditated and meditated on it over and over and over and over until it eventually hit his spirit and up came healing flowing like a mighty gusher. Praise God. So meditating is like drilling for oil. You drill down, down, down until it hits your spirit and something powerful happen.

You can meditate on a scripture. Everybody says scripture. You can meditate on the scripture or you can meditate on a whole book. Lately, I've been meditating on the whole books of the bible. I don't know, I just started. I'm reading through the bible and I just started taking notes on the books that I'm reading through as I'm reading through the bible, so I got outlines.

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Right now I'm in the epistles. I have outlines on the epistles. And so, as I'm outlining these epistles, I would take maybe a couple of pages of notes on each epistle, and so once I extract it, the primary truths and principles out of each epistle and got them down on paper, I started noticing and I just started meditating on them and meditating on the whole book.

And so just like I've taught here on First John -- I've meditated on First John and I just started meditating on the whole the book, now I find myself saying that I dwell in love and because I dwell in love, I dwell in God, for God is love. I find myself saying, "I walk in the light and see his light." I find myself saying, "I don't practice sin, I practice righteousness because whoever sinneth doesn't belong to God, but he that practice righteousness belongs to God," and so I find myself saying that I have an anointing, an unction that abides in me from the holy one teaching me all things."

I find myself saying that I love one another as he has loved me and he is so am I in this world, as he is love, so am I love in this

world. I find myself saying that if I ask anything according to his will, he hears me, and if he hears me, then I have the petition that I requested of him. And so you know all of those scriptures are just in First John. I find myself saying, "How can I say I love my brother if I see my brother in need and I shut up my bowels of compassion from him, how can I say the love of God abides in me," and then I will say, "No, I love my brother. I am compassionate toward my brother. I have the love of God abiding in me. I have passed from death to life because I love the brethren. I have passed from death to life because I love the brethren." Praise God.

I've received eternal life and this life is in his son. He that hath the son hath life. All of these are in First John, so I find myself meditating on the whole books, whole books, whole books. Ain't that good? Make him a hand, that's some good stuff there. That's good stuff so you can meditate on the scripture.

This morning, I outlined the book of Galatians. I got the book of Galatians outlined, so I meditated. I meditated on the book of Galatians, so as I share in this series on meditating on the word of God, I'm going to take you through my outlines and so we'll meditate, I share the powerful truths that I put out of each books -- each book and will confess those things and they be good food for meditation. So you can meditate on the scripture, you can meditate on a book, you can meditate on a subject. I share that man's ministry of one good way of memorizing scriptures, write it down on index cards and you can put the index card in your purse, in your wallet, in your back pocket and you can flip it out on your break, flip it out on your lunch break, flip it out. I start to say, "While you're at the red light," but you don't want to be reading while you're driving but -- you flip it out all the time -- and so I have an index cards and I flip them out and in your spare time, whenever you got a moment, if you're waiting in line, pull your card out. Meditate on God's word. Meditate on God's word. It's powerful, something really powerful there, meditating on the word. Repeat after me, "I'm meditating on God's word day and night. I observed to do it and I have good success." Praise God. Praise God. Praise God.

I also have God's word on my cellphone. I use it as a screensaver. You have a home screen on your cellphone, put God's word right there. Every time I kept my phone on, I have a scripture there. I have a scripture right on my home phone. In fact, I got three scriptures because your phone moves through different screens. I

got three or four screensavers, nothing but God's words. So if I'm scrolling through my phone, I'm meditating on as well. I can't look at my phone without thinking about God's word. I've got some powerful scriptures, powerful scriptures on my phone. Anybody want to know what I got on my phone? All right, all right, all right. This is a bonus. I'm not going to charge you for this, that's a bonus.

Here are some powerful scriptures: I have Psalms 5, "He surrounds me with favor as a shield, and I live in God's circle of blessing," that's Psalms 25. Psalms 5, "He surrounds me with favor as a shield." Psalms 25, "I live in God's circle of blessing." I also have on one on my screens, I have Isaiah 54:7-11, "Somewhere around in there, the mountains shall depart, the hills will be removed, but his kindness will never depart from me. In his covenant of peace, I'll never be removed, with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on you saith the Lord." Praise God. Man, that's one of the most powerful scriptures in the whole bible. I have Jeremiah 32:40, "I'll never stop doing you good." That's a covenant God had established. Jeremiah 32:40, "I will never stop doing you good." Praise God. So those are just a few of my screensavers. I should come up with that. I should come up with a scriptural screensaver.

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Well, that's one way of keeping God's word, keeping it before you and meditating on it, keeping it with you all the time. Praise God. Praise God. Well, I've just about run out of time for today. I'm not done. I got pages of notes we can go through, but we'll pick up next time, I'm not going to try to give you too much at one time, but I just want you to begin to enjoy meditating on God's word. Notice there's a blessing attached to it. Psalms 1 opens with the blessing, "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful, but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in his law doth he meditate day and night. He should be like a tree planted by the rivers of water that bring forth his fruit and your season, his leaf also shall not wither and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper." So, notice that blessing, you'll be like a tree planted by the rivers of water that bring forth your fruit and your season and your leaf shall not wither and whatever you do shall prosper.

Also look at Joshua 1:8, there's a blessing there, "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein, for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success." Notice the blessing is built in. You meditate on God's word and begin to do it. Praise God. We'll stop right there. Give the Lord a hand for his word ladies and gentlemen.

Praise God, Praise God. Meditating on God's word, meditating on God's word. This is part one. We will do at least one more part and I have some other scriptures on meditating in the word that I found, I want to share with you and I want to also start sharing some of my outlines one some of the epistles that I'm outlining right now. Just powerful things man, oh my goodness man -- you know, God's word is like gold but you have to mine for gold. You got to dig for gold. You got to dig for gold. You very rarely find gold just sitting around on top of the ground. You have to mine it. You have to dig for it. God's word is full, full of gold, full of treasure, full of treasure.

I was meditating on First Corinthians this morning. Just meditating on the love chapter and I got to the part where it says, "Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things," and the Holy Spirit said to me, he said, "You notice love bears all things? It bears up under any and everything that may come. It bears all things, it endureth all things." He said, "You notice that? Beareth and endureth? That means it holds up under difficult situations and difficult times." I say, "Yeah, I noticed that." He said, "That is patience. That's patience working in love," and I thought about it the very first verse of the love chapter is, "Love is patient and kind."

The patience of God and the Holy Spirit taught me that. He taught me that this morning. I said, "Praise God. That's good, Holy Ghost, thank you for that nugget." That was a nugget. That was patience at work. It's patience's job to keep you from quitting. It's patience job that holds up under anything and everything that come. It's the job of patience, that on the gurge(ph), you're doing tough times that won't let you fall apart and cave in and quit and crumble, that's the force of patience. And so the Holy Spirit was simply showing me how the force of patience works in the force of love. Love is patient and kind.

Oh man, give the Holy Spirit a hand. That's the Holy Spirit. That's the Holy Spirit. That's the Holy Spirit. That's the Holy Spirit. He taught me that this morning. I said, "Man, that's good," I said, "Thank you Holy Ghost, that's good." Praise God. I'm out time, I can preach all day and all night. I can preach all day. You know the apostle Paul preached all day. In fact, he preached so long one time, a man fell asleep in the balcony and fell out of the balcony because Paul was preaching so long.

So, anybody sitting in the balcony, stay awake up there, stay awake. Well, here's a powerful thing when a man fell out of the balcony, they took him up for dead, but the apostles ran over and raised him from the dead. Praise God. Ain't that wonderful, they had the power of God, the power of God. The greatness of God, the greatness of God, the greatness of God. Praise God, Praise God, amen, amen.

Well, stand to your feet, I'm closing on. Praise God. Halleluiah. Thank you Jesus. Somebody say, "Thank you Jesus," halleluiah, glory the God, halleluiah, my God is good. God is good. His word is good. This word has saved your life. This word will heal you. This word had deliver you. This word will meet your needs. This word will unlock heaven and bring God's provisions in your life.

Man, this word is powerful here. This word is powerful here. That's why I'm so excited about it.

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Oh man, this is the life of God. They're releasing his word and we have his word and so it's something powerful to meditate on and it will fix every area of your life. Praise God. Let me pray for -- I'm out of time.

Father, we just love you and we praise you. We thank you so much for your word. Thank you for teaching us how to meditate on your word. Lord, thank you for your word bringing life and health to us and we just honor you. Thank you for the revelation of the Holy Spirit. Thank you for him who was called along to help us and all of life, Lord, bringing clarity, illumination and insight and revelation to us through your word in all areas of life. We love you and praise you and teach us continuously, in Jesus' name we pray, let every heart say amen, amen, amen.

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