

The Indwelling Word of God

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom. . . .Colossians 3:16

We read the word of God. We try to memorize it. We meditate on the word, thinking deeply about the meaning, applying it to our life, turning it over and over in our mind. We try to quote the Bible in our conversation. We are confident that this is God's word and that it is the ultimate authority for our lives.

We are admonished to let the word of God dwell in us richly. This is more than just reading or memorizing or even believing it. It indicates that God's word should produce a godly attitude. A godly attitude will produce godly actions. What we study in the Bible should affect the way we think, the way we feel, the way we act.

We read in the Bible how Jesus treated others with divine love and compassion. Do we treat others in the same self-sacrificing way? When we face confrontation are we self-righteous and arrogant? Does it always have to be our way? Jesus told the truth but even in the truth, His compassion was evident.

A wise man or woman will apply the Biblical admonition of James 3:13, *"Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by his good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom."*