

“Understanding the Results of Responses to the Word” 2/21/10

1 Thessalonians 2:13-16

1 Thessalonians- “Living a Life of Focus in Expectation of Jesus’ Return”

REVISIT ACTS 17:1-9;

Matthew 13

POINT 1- A positive response to the Word will bring the BLESSINGS OF GOD

A. The blessings of God will come from our RECEPTION OF THE WORD
(v. 13; Matthew 13:1-9; 13:18-23; Matthew 7:21-23; 7:24-28)

- 1) Take care to Hear (Mark 4:23) “Let him hear” **HEART** (opportunity)
- 2) Take care what you hear (Mark 4:24) Be discerning **MIND**
- 3) Take care how you hear (Luke 8:18) Meditate and apply **SOUL** (will)

Effectiveness of the Word: 1) Saves -1 Peter 1:23; James 1:18; 2) Cleans- John 15:3; Eph 5:26-27; 3) Sanctifies- John 17:17; 4) Food- Matt 4:4; 1 Pet 2:2; 5) Convicts- Heb 4:12-13; 6) Frees- John 8:31-32; 7) Profitable- 2 Tim 3:16; 8) Equips- 2 Tim 3:17; 9) Counsels- Psalm 119:24; 10) Edifies- Acts 20:32; 11) Ensures Success- Joshua 1:8-9; 12) Gives hope- Psalm 119:147

B. The blessings of God will result in the FRUIT OF THE WORD
(v. 14a; Galatians 5:22-23; Rom 6:22- Fruit to holiness and eternal life)

C. The blessings of God will include the DIVISIVENESS OF THE WORD
(v. 14b; Matthew 10:34; John 16:33; 15:20; 2 Timothy 3:12)

Going Deeper *God wants you to receive the Word and its fruit with Joy and Faith*

POINT 2- A negative response to the word will bring the WRATH OF GOD

A. The wrath of God will come from a REJECTION of the WORD
(v. 15-16a; Titus 1:16; Matthew 7:21-23; John 14:15; no love of the Word)

B. The wrath of God will be a response for living the VICES of the WORD
(v. 16b; Gal 5:19-21; Romans 6:21- benefit of shameful things is death)

C. The wrath of God will be include the WRATH of the WORD
(v. 16c; 1 Thess 1:10; 5:9; Rom 5:9; John 3:36; Rev 19:11; Isaiah 63:1-3)

Going Deeper *God wants you to be aware and warn others about the coming Wrath*