

Values Matter Discovery Starters

We Want to Know God

9. HAVE A BIBLICAL CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEW

YWAM is called to a Biblical Christian worldview. We believe that the Bible – the textbook for all of life – makes a clear division between good and evil; right and wrong. The practical dimensions of life are no less spiritual than the ministry expressions. Everything done in obedience to God is spiritual. We seek to honor God with all that we do, equipping and mobilizing men and women of God to take roles of service and influence in every arena of society.

[Deu 8:1-3](#); [Deu 32:45-47](#); [2Ki 22:8](#); [Psa 19:7-11](#); [Luk 8:21](#);
[Joh 8:31-32](#); [Php 4:8-9](#); [2Ti 3:16](#) 17; [Heb 4:12-13](#); [Jam 4:17](#)

Value #9 – Have a Biblical Christian Worldview: Live by Every Word

Biblical Foundation:

Be careful⁶²¹³ to obey⁸¹⁰⁴ all the commands I am giving⁶⁶⁸⁰ you today. Then you will live²⁴²¹ and multiply⁷²³⁵ and you will enter⁹³⁵ and occupy³⁴²³ the land the LORD swore to give⁷⁶⁵⁰ your ancestors. Remember²¹⁴² how the LORD your God led³²¹² you through the wilderness for these forty years, humbling⁶⁰³¹ you and testing you to prove⁵²⁵⁴ your character, and to find out³⁰⁴⁵ whether or not you would obey⁸¹⁰⁴ his commands. Yes, he humbled⁶⁰³¹ you by letting you go hungry⁷⁴⁵⁶ and then feeding³⁴⁸ you with manna, a food previously unknown³⁰⁴⁵ to you [unknown³⁰⁴⁵] and your ancestors. He did it to teach³⁰⁴⁵ you that people do not live²⁴²¹ by bread alone; rather, we live²⁴²¹ by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. (Deu 8:1-3)

Discovery Starter:

All the verbs in the foundational passage have been tagged with the Strong's Concordance number which points to the original Hebrew text. There are a total of 22 verbs: twelve of them have human subjects (numbers in subscript) and ten of them have God as the one doing the action (numbers in superscript). The following list organizes the verbs into two columns:

Man's actions (12 verbs)

3x 2421 8:1,3a,3b to live
2x 8104 8:1,2 to obey

God's actions (10 verbs)

2x 6031 8:2,3 to humble
3045 8:2,3 to make known

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| | 3045 | 8:3a,3b | to know | 1x | 6680 | 8:1 | to give commands |
| 1x | 6213 | 8:1 | to be careful | | | | |
| | 7650 | 8:1 | to swear | | | | |
| | 7235 | 8:1 | to multiply | | | | |
| | 3212 | 8:2 | to lead | | | | |
| | 935 | 8:1 | to enter | | | | |
| | 5254 | 8:2 | to test | | | | |
| | 3423 | 8:1 | to occupy | | | | |
| | 7456 | 8:3 | to make hungry | | | | |
| | 2142 | 8:2 | to remember | | | | |
| | 348 | 8:3 | to feed | | | | |

Consider the repeated verbs linked to our human actions. We see that God wants us to know his ways and to obey his will. Why? Because applying God's revelation will have a life-giving, life-enhancing, life-multiplying result. God wants us to live, really live; his words are that which make true life possible. This has always been God's purpose. Consider how the good, life-giving intent of God's instruction is reiterated many times in Deuteronomy:

- I am giving you these instructions so you will enjoy a long life in the land the LORD your God is giving you for all time (4:40).
- Then you will live a long, full life in the land the LORD your God is giving you (5:16).
- If you obey all his decrees and commands, you will enjoy a long life (6:2).
- If you obey, you will enjoy a long life in the land the LORD swore to give to your ancestors and to you, their descendants... (11:9).
- ... so that you may enjoy a long life in the land the LORD your God is giving you (25:15).
- You can make this choice by loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and committing yourself firmly to him. This is the key to your life (30:20).
- These instructions are not empty words—they are your life (32:47)!

Keep Going:

The phrase "the mouth of the Lord" found in Deu 8:3 is a phrase (*peh yahweh*) that is used 49 times in the Hebrew Scriptures. One of the more "literal" translations – NASB – translates it as the "command" (30x), "mouth" (8x), "commandment" (6x), "word" (4x), or "counsel" (1x) of the Lord. Other translations use even a greater range of words, for it is not unusual that a word in one language can be accurately represented by several words in another language. Below are listed all 49 occurrences of the Hebrew phrase *peh yahweh*. Take time to read through these passages and consider how the word of the Lord can have an ever greater formative part in your life.

- Exo 17:1
- Lev 24:12

- Num 3:16,39,51; 4:37,41,45,49; 9:18a,18b,20a,20b,23a,23b,23c; 10:13; 13:3; 14:41; 22:18; 24:13; 33:2,38; 36:5
- Deu 1:26,43; 8:3; 9:23; 34:5
- Jos 9:14; 15:13; 17:4; 19:50; 21:3; 22:9
- 1Sa 12:14,15; 15:24
- 1Ki 13:21,26
- 2Ki 24:3
- 1Ch 12:23
- Isa 1:20; 40:5; 58:14; 62:2
- Jer 9:12; 23:16
- Mic 4:4

Before you finish, reflect one more time on Deu 8:3. The last two things that God does in this passage are: he makes people hungry and then he feeds them. Ask God to make you hungrier for his word. Ask him to feed you. That spiritual hunger will only be filled when you partake of the true life-giving manna – Jesus himself (Joh 6:32-40,47-51), for only Jesus “is the Word of life” (1Jo 1:1). Take time to worship him for his life-giving sacrifice.

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