DESTINY TRAINING LEVEL 1
MODULE 1
CLASS 07

THE BIBLE WILL TRANSFORM YOUR LIFE

Biblical Reference: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies (Psalm 23:5).

I. A NOTE TO THE STUDENT

Every believer must embrace the Word of God in order to see its transforming power.

II. CLASS OBJECTIVES

1. To know the Word of God as the spiritual element for every believer.
2. To understand the power and authority that the Word of God has.
3. To know that the Bible was inspired by the Holy Spirit.
4. To understand that through a greater relationship with the Word of God we can know Jesus better.
5. To understand that our spiritual growth is directly related to our relationship with the Word of God.
6. To understand the influence the Scriptures have over every believer.

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III. INTRODUCTION

A. The Bible (the Word of God) Is Essential to Every Believer's Life

1. We must live by the Word—When Jesus was tempted by the adversary to turn stones into bread, He pointed to a passage in Deuteronomy 8:3, "He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your fathers had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread along but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord."
2. We must open the door of our hearts to the Word, to have fellowship with Jesus—Jesus' message to the church of Laodicea was this: "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me" (Revelation 3:20).

3. God's Word brings joy and delight—Jeremiah, the prophet, said, "When Your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart's delight, for I bear Your name, O Lord God Almighty" (Jeremiah 15:16).

IV. LESSON: SIX KEYS ABOUT THE BIBLE THAT WILL TRANSFORM YOUR LIFE

A. KEY #1 – The Word of God Is Spiritual Food

1. MILK—"Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation" (1 Peter 2:2). The Word of God for new Christians plays a similar role as a mother's milk for a baby. The mother's milk will nourish a baby's growth. However, if there is something unsuitable in the milk, it will separate and start to turn sour. Likewise, if you allow small indiscretions in your life, the milk of the Word can turn sour, causing it to lose its nutritional effect in your life.

2. BREAD—Jesus said in Matthew 4:4, "Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God." There comes a time in our Christian life when we need to learn to depend on God for all our needs; we see the provision of God every day for the Israelites in the desert. Jesus will ensure that we never go hungry: "Then Jesus declared, 'I am the Bread of Life. He who comes to Me will never go hungry, and he who believes in Me will never be thirsty" (John 6:35).

3. SOLID FOOD—Solid food is for those who have acquired maturity. "In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's Word all over again. You need milk, not solid food!" (Hebrews 5:12).

B. KEY #2 – The Authority of the Word

1. The Word is spirit and is invisible. In other words, from the spiritual and the invisible came the material and the visible. This was only made possible by the authority of the Word of God. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made" (John 1:1-3).

2. The voice of God was in creation. "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world" (Psalm 19:1-4).

3. The voice of God makes the earth shake and has the power to create. "The Lord thundered from heaven: the voice of the Most High resounded" (Psalm 18:13). "By the word of the Lord were the heavens made, their starry host by the breath of His mouth" (Psalm 33:6).

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4. God spoke through Jesus Christ. “In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son, whom He appointed Heir of all things, and through whom He made the universe” (Hebrews 1:1-2).

5. Everything was created by Jesus. “He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by Him and for Him” (Colossians 1:15-16).

C. KEY #3 – God Inspired His Servants To Write His Word

1. “Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet’s own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit” (2 Peter 1:20-21).

2. “Write in a book all the words I have spoken to you” (Jeremiah 30:2).

3. “Go now, write it on a tablet for them, inscribe it on a scroll, that for the days to come it may be an everlasting witness” (Isaiah 30:8).

4. “But you, Daniel, close up and seal the words of the scroll until the time of the end. Many will go here and there to increase knowledge” (Daniel 12:4)

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D. KEY #4 – The Word Helps Us To Know Jesus

1. “Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name” (John 20:30-31).

2. “He said to them, ‘How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter His glory?’ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, He explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning Himself” (Luke 24:25-27).

3. The Word establishes us in the Kingdom of God—Paul knew his calling from the moment of his conversion and understood that the Lord was sending him to the Gentiles: “To open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me” (Acts 26:18).

4. The Word helps us to reach salvation—The Apostle Paul writes to Timothy, his spiritual son, saying, “And how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus” (2 Timothy 3:15). We can see that knowing the Word of God is what gives us faith to receive salvation. To achieve this, we must be in permanent contact with the Scriptures.

E. KEY #5 – Grow In The Word

1. Knowing His Word protects us from destruction. “My people are destroyed from lack of knowledge” (Hosea 4:6).

2. Obeying His Word causes God to lift us up. “If you fully obey the Lord your God and carefully follow all His commands I give you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations on earth. All these blessings will come upon you and accompany you if you obey the Lord your God” (Deuteronomy 28:1-2).

3. The Holy Spirit helps us to understand the Word. “If you had responded to My rebuke, I would have poured out My heart to you and made My thoughts known to you” (Proverbs 1:23)

4. It makes the simple quick-minded and the young intelligent. “For giving prudence to the simple, knowledge and discretion to the young – let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance” (Proverbs 1:4-5).

5. Knowing His Word will be your greatest treasure. “And if you look for I as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God” (Proverbs 2:4-5).

6. Listen carefully to the Voice of God. The Bible has made the voice of God accessible for everybody, because God spoke to holy men and revealed His will to them, which they reproduced in writing. Although they were people from different cultures, eras and social standings, all of them were inspired by the same Holy Spirit. “Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock” (Matthew 7:24).

7. Study the Word. “Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful” (Joshua 1:8). “Blessed is the man who does not walk I the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers” (Psalm 1:1-3).

8. Speak the Word. As a closed book, the Bible has no power whatsoever, but when we confess what is says in faith, it becomes “the sword of the Spirit” (Ephesians 6:17). “But Peter and John replied, ‘Judge for yourselves whether it is right in Gods sight to obey you rather than God. For we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard” (Acts 4:19-20). “So then, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the vision from heaven. First to those in Damascus, then to those in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and to the Gentiles also, I preached that they should repent and turn to God and prove their repentance by their deeds” (Acts 26:19-20).

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F. KEY #6 – The Power Of The Bible

1. It is eternal. “Your Word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens” (Psalm 119:89).

2. It is Spirit and Life. “The Spirit give life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life” (John 6:63).

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

4. It is fire and a hammer. “’Is not My Word like fire,’ declares the Lord, ‘and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?’”

5. It is the power of God. “For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God” (1 Corinthians 1:18).

6. **What the Bible Does in the Believer:**

   - It gives us Faith: “Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ” (Romans 10:17).
   - It gives us New Birth: “He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of first fruits of all He created “ (James 1:18).
   - It is our Sword of the Spirit: “Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God” (Ephesians 6:17).
   - It is our Light: “”Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path” (Psalm 119:105).
   - It Cleanses our lives: “You are already clean because of the Word I have spoken to you” (John 15:3).
   - It is our Mirror: “Anyone who listens to the Word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it, he will be blessed in what he does” (James 1:23-25).

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V. CONCLUSION

If you were to read the Bible for just five minutes every day, you would read it in its entirety in less than one year. In order to know God’s plan for your life, you need to read His Word daily.