

## Hindrances to Advancing IV

### “Failure to know the authority of God’s word and apply it!”

*KJV Psalm 119:97* O how love I thy law! It is my meditation all the day. <sup>98</sup> Thou through thy **commandments** hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they are ever with me. <sup>99</sup> I have more understanding than all my teachers: for thy **testimonies** are my meditation. <sup>100</sup> I understand more than the ancients, because I keep thy **precepts.** <sup>101</sup> I have refrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep thy **word.** <sup>102</sup> I have not departed from thy judgments: for thou hast taught me. <sup>103</sup> **How sweet are thy words unto my taste!** yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth! <sup>104</sup> Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way.

In *Psalm 119*, there are 10 words for the word of God.

I

God’s word is divinely inspired, God-breathed.

*ESV 2 Timothy 3:16* All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

*NLT 2 Timothy 3:16* All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. <sup>17</sup> God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.

God’s word is not given for any private interpretation.

*KJV 2 Peter 1:21* Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. <sup>22</sup> For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

God’s word reveals Jesus Christ, He comes in the volume of the book.

*KJV Hebrews 10:7* Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God.

## II

God's word comes as **instruction**.

*KJV Proverbs 2:1* My son, **if** thou wilt receive my **words**, and hide my **commandments** with thee; <sup>2</sup> So that thou incline thine ear unto **wisdom**, and apply thine heart to **understanding**; <sup>3</sup> Yea, **if** thou criest after **knowledge**, and liftest up thy voice for **understanding**; <sup>4</sup> **If** thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; <sup>5</sup> **Then** shalt thou **understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God.**

God's word changes our life in stages, over time and permanently.

God's word comes as...

Information, I get it.

Inspiration, I desire it.

**Impartation**, I have it in my heart.

Revelation, I see it, and I understand it.

Realization, I see my life changing.

**Actualization**, others see my life-changing.

**Transformation**, I am changed forever, never to be the same again.

## III

God's word is **bitter** in your belly but **sweet** in your mouth!

Consider *Ezekiel 2:9-3:3*

*KJV Ezekiel 2:9* And when I looked, behold, an hand was sent unto me; and, lo, a **roll** of **a book** was therein; And he spread it before me; and **it was written within and without**: and there was written therein lamentations, and mourning, and woe. *3:1* Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, eat that thou findest; eat this roll, and go speak unto the house of Israel. <sup>2</sup> So I opened my mouth, and he caused me to eat

that **roll**.<sup>3</sup> And he said unto me, Son of man, cause thy belly to eat, and fill thy bowels with this roll that I give thee. **Then did I eat it; and it was in my mouth as honey for sweetness.**

The prophet was to **eat** the scroll so it could be sweet in his mouth.

<sup>KJV</sup> **Revelation 10:8** And the voice which I heard from heaven spake unto me again, and said, Go and take the **little book** which is open in the hand of the angel which standeth upon the sea and upon the earth.<sup>9</sup> And I went unto the angel, and said unto him, Give me the **little book**. And he said unto me, Take it, and eat it up; and it shall make thy **belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey**.<sup>10</sup> And I took the **little book** out of the angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter. And he said unto me, Thou must **prophesy** again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings.

Consider **Revelation 10:8-11**

1. Go get the book. **Vs 10:8**

*“Limited time in the study is wasted time in the pulpit.”*

Go get the book "Say what has been said," The Written Word of God.

Then, "Say what it is saying." The proceeding word is the **living** word of God.

2. Eat the little book.

Eat, consume, and digest a small portion of the book.

Eat the little book for you. You are what you eat.

3. Prophesy again...

Eat the little book for you.

Prophesy the book to **feed** others.

That's when it is sweet in your mouth.

## IV

Prophetic preaching is...

1. Are honest about the human predicament
2. Critique injustices through the eyes of the gospel: good news
3. Views sin as institutional, not just personal.
4. Operates through a hermeneutic of hope
5. Make sure the right thing is in you: His word, which is truth, His breath, and the Holy Spirit.

"Go get the Book."

"Eat the little book"

"Prophecy again and again"

When Ezekiel prophesied in **Chapter 37**

The Wind blew... Holy Spirit activity

Movement came... activity came

Bone found its bone... structure and order came

Breath came and life...transformation came

A mighty army was created... God's purpose was accomplished.

"Go get the Book."

"Eat the little book"

"Prophecy again and again"