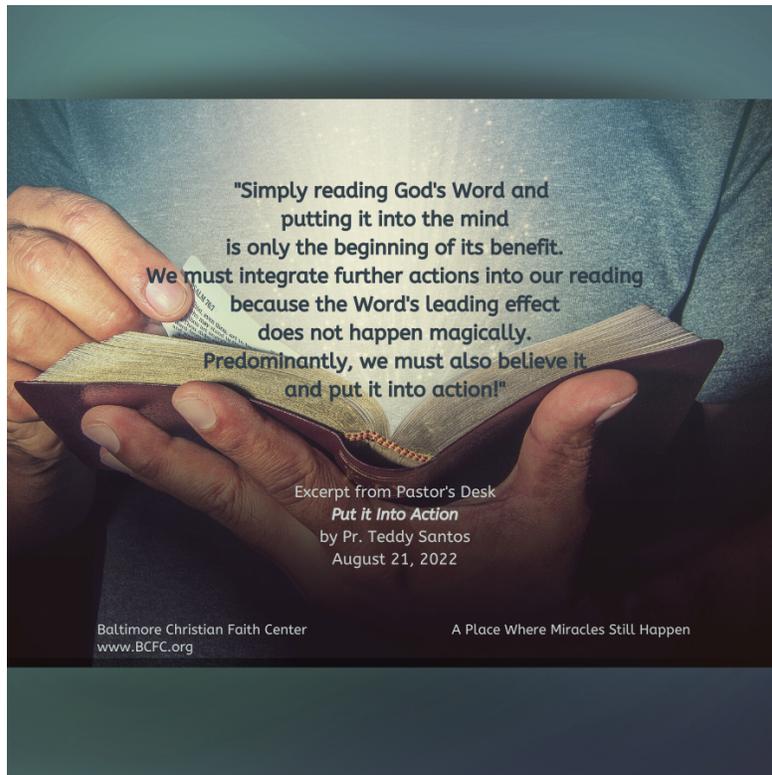


PUT IT INTO ACTION

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Deuteronomy 8:2-3 *“(2) And you shall remember that the LORD your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you and test you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not. (3) So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD.”*

John 6:27 *“Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him.”*

When we read **Deuteronomy 8**, God says His Word is needed for life. By drawing awareness to everlasting life in **John 6:26-27**, the Lord Jesus explains that what goes into the mind for processing is far more significant than what goes into the tummy.

To be clear, the Word of God is just as vital to spiritual life as edibles are to bodily life. Just as we must discipline ourselves to provide and consume physical food, so must one practice discipline to pursue and ingest spiritual sustenance. If one does not do this, just as physical health will decline from lack of food, a person's vague spiritual diet will lead to spiritual illness. At a bare minimum, one's quality of life will be harshly compromised.

The quality of what enters your mind will be the significant factor determining the quality of life. The Lord Jesus emphasizes that we should desire the food that endures and satisfies forever. He wants us to realize its potential. Simply reading God's Word and putting it into the mind is only the beginning of its benefit. We must integrate further actions into our reading because the Word's leading effect does not happen magically. Predominantly, we must also believe it and put it into action!

At His service,
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