

**SPIRITUAL GROWTH SERIES**  
**VOLUME 2: INCLINE THINE EAR**  
**MESSAGE 4: THE PURPOSE OF ATTENDING TO**  
**GOD’S WORD**  
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**FOUNDATION:**

- Proverbs 4:20-22
- Proverbs 4:13
- 1 Timothy 4:15

**I. The Purpose of Attending to God’s Word**

- a. Proverbs 4:20-22
  - i. Verse 22: God’s Word is: Life & Health, to all that find God’s Word
    - 1. John 10:10 = Life & Life MORE abundantly
- b. Proverbs 4:21 = Keep your vision (focus) on God’s Word
  - i. Look (to anticipate an even with Joyful preparation)
  - ii. Listen [God has magnified His Word above His Name – Psalm 138:2]
  - iii. [Psalm 119:130 = God’s Word creates Light (Revelation)]
- c. Proverbs 4:22
  - i. Jesus is the Word of God: John 1:14
- d. David: Psalm 119:11 = I hid your Word in my heart – to not sin against God

**II. Incline your ear to God’s Word: His Sayings**

- a. Matthew 7:7-11
  - i. Verse 11: evil = a bad nature or condition; in a physical sense: diseased or blind; in a ethical sense: wicked or bad
    - 1. 2 Timothy 2:15-26

### **III. What the Word of God Says About Spiritual Gifts**

- a. “it may be good for us to have a long sick spell (FALSE)”  
Matthew 7:9-10 is about a GOOD natural Father
- b. James 1:17
  - i. Sickness & Disease could not come from Heaven – there is none there
- c. Acts 10:38
  - i. The Good that Jesus did was to HEAL all that were oppressed of the Devil: Healing is GOOD
  - ii. The ANOINTING is a Good Gift that destroys yoke, burdens & defeats the Devil’s attempts to steal, kill & destroy [Isaiah 10:27]
  - iii. Healing is always God’s Will – it’s a good gift [James 1:17]
- d. Matthew 7:11 = “how much more” [James 1:17]
  - i. 1 Corinthians 12:9-10 = healings & miracles
- e. Psalm 103:
  - i. Verse 2: Benefits are GOOD things
  - ii. Verse 3: it is always God’s will to heal
    - 1. We have a better Covenant – no loss of Benefits
    - 2. All the benefits of the Old Covenant with NEW Benefits of the New Covenant [ the New Birth, the Baptism of the Holy Spirit]