

**SPIRITUAL GROWTH SERIES**  
**VOLUME 2: INCLINE THEN EAR**  
**MESSAGE 2: EXAMINE GOD’S WORD**  
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**FOUNDATION:**

- Proverbs 4:20-22

**I. How do We Know what God has Promised to us?**

- a. How can we ascertain, secure what really belongs to us – through the promises God makes in His Word?
  - i. By constant, diligent, reverent, prayerful study of God’s Word
    - 1. Constant = not hit or miss or casual study
- b. Proverbs 4:20 = attend to MY Sayings (put God’s Word FIRST place)
  - i. You can learn things from experience but God’s Word and how we access those promises will give us greater experiences
  - ii. Attend = undivided attention
  - iii. God’s Word in the Bible is God speaking directly to you

**II. Examine God’s Sayings**

- a. Proverbs 4:20 = “incline your ear to My sayings” – hear them
  - i. We need to close our ears to all the rest of the noise
  - ii. Jesus: “I speak nothing but what I hear from the Father”
    - 1. Hebrews 1:1-3
    - 2. John 17:17 = God’s Word is Truth
- b. Mark 9:14
  - i. Hebrews 1:1-2 = Jesus is God speaking to us
  - ii. Mark 9:23 = “all things (*all that God has promised*) is possible”
  - iii. Verse 17: the man’s son could not speak & had seizures
  - iv. Verse 19: “faithless” = without faith
  - v. Verse 21: this man’s son is no longer a child

- vi. Verse 22: John 10:10 = the thief COMES to steal, kill & destroy
- vii. Verse 23: (the key to deliverance & Victory – including healing)
  - 1. “all things” – all the God has promised
  - 2. Are you able to believe those promises are for you?
    - a. [Note: this man nor his son are born-again]
- viii. Verse 24: how can you believe & still have unbelief?
  - 1. Belief in your Spirit but still have doubt in your soul
  - 2. Jesus had no doubt, in Himself, in the Power of God working through Him (Jesus)
  - 3. Do we believe the Power of the Holy Spirit to bring God’s promises to pass in our life?
- ix. Verse 25-27:
  - 1. Incline your ear to verse 23
  - 2. Ephesians 2:8 = “by Grace are you Saved through Faith”
  - 3. Psalm 138:2 = “... for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.”

### **III. The Measure of Faith**

- a. (Matthew 16:26) [King James] For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?
- b. Romans 10:17
- c. Romans 12:3 = THE Measure (same measure) of Faith
  - i. When you incline your ear to God’s Sayings you will believe
  - ii. Ephesians 1:13 = the progress of Faith:
    - 1. Trust
  - iii. Believe
  - iv. Faith in God’s Word is now sealed in our Heart (Spirit & Soul)