




**Use Your Sword!**

Ephesians 6:17





# Modern Discipleship Challenges


1. Spiritual fast food
  2. Faith à la carte
  3. The celebrity trap
  4. Permission slip faith
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## Dallas Willard, “The Divine Conspiracy”

”...we now live in a time when consumer Christianity has become the accepted norm, and all-out engagement with and in Jesus’ kingdom among us is regarded as just one option people may take if it suits them — but probably as somewhat “overdoing it.” By contrast, the biblical pattern is, from beginning to end, “Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only.”







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# Ephesians 6:17b

...and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God







# Word

Rhéma - utterance, for particular situation

Logos - written word, or unchanging word








## Exodus 24:3

Moses came and told the people all the words of the Lord and all the rules. And all the people answered with one voice and said, “All the words that the Lord has spoken we will do.”








## Acts 10:44

While Peter was still saying these things (ῥήματα, a form of “rhema”), the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word (λόγον, a form of “logos”).








## John 12:47-48

If anyone hears my words (**rhema**) and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. The one who rejects me and does not receive my words (**rhema**) has a judge; the word (**logos**) that I have spoken will judge him on the last day.








# Hebrews 4:12

For the word (**logos**) of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.





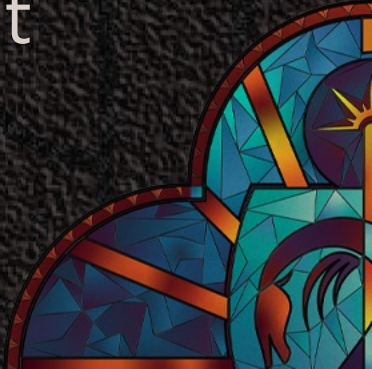


## 2 Peter 3:5

For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word (**logos**) of God.

## Hebrews 11:3

By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word (**rhema**) of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.








## John 1:1

In the beginning was the Word (**logos**), and the Word (**logos**) was with God, and the Word (**logos**) was God.

## Hebrews 1:3

He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word (**rhema**) of his power.







## Matthew 4:4

But he answered, “It is written, ““Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.””







# Revelation 1:16

...from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword








## Matthew 10:19-20

But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.








## Isaiah 55:11

So shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.








## 2 Timothy 2:3-4

Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him.







## 2 Corinthians 10:3-4

For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.







# 1 John 4:4

Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.







## Acts 19:15b

“Jesus I know, and Paul I know about, but who are you?”







# John 15:7

If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.








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## Acts 2:37

Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”








## Acts 4:4

But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.








## Revelation 21:5

And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”








## 2 Corinthians 4:17-18

For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.








## Romans 8:37

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.







## John 14:12

Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.

