

The Sword of the Spirit

Ephesians 6:17b

God's Word is the spiritual sword that pierces the darkness of our world and of our own hearts.

- I. The _____ of the _____
- A. _____ (2 Pet 1:19-21; 2 Tim 3:16)
 - B. _____ (Ps 19:7)
 - C. _____ (Pr 30:5-6)
 - D. _____ (Rev 22:18-19)
 - E. _____ (2 Tim 3:15-17)
 - F. _____ (Is 55:11)
 - G. _____ (1 Thess 2:13)

- II. The _____ to be _____
- A. _____
 - 1. _____ (2 Tim 3:15; Rom 10:14-16)
 - 2. _____ (Ps 19:7-11)
 - B. _____ (Mt 4:1-11; Ps 119:11)

This sword is to be used . . . when believers go on the attack and make new conquests in God's cause . . . the faithful speaking forth of the gospel in the realm of darkness, so that men and women held by Satan might hear this liberating and life-giving word and be freed from his grasp.

- Peter O'Brien

The first and principle duty of a pastor is to feed the flock by diligent preaching of the Word . . . the feeding is the essence of the office of a pastor.

- John Owen