

Fresh Air Part 5: Living the Bible

Memory verse:

(Job 33:4 NLT) For the Spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life.

(2 Timothy 1:16 TLB) May the Lord bless Onesiphorus and all his family because he visited me and encouraged me often. His visits revived me like a breath of fresh air.

Ruwach - a wind, breath, a violent exhalation, blast of breath.

(Genesis 1:2 NIV) "Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters."

Pneuma - a current of air, blast of breath, a strong breeze.

(John 6:63 NIV) "The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life."

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(Hebrews 4:12 NIV) "For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart."

1. Faith activates the Word.

(Hebrews 4:2 NIV) "For we also have had the gospel preached to us, just as they did; but the message they heard was of no value to them, because those who heard did not combine it with faith."

2. Revelation activates faith.

(Luke 1:26-37 NIV) Mary and the Angel...

(Luke 1:37 NIV) "...For nothing is impossible with God."

3. Meditation activates revelation.

(Joshua 1:7-8 NIV) "Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful."

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1. Accept its authority.

(1 Thessalonians 2:13 NIV) "We also thank God continually because, when you received the Word of God which you heard from us, you accepted it, not as the word of men, but actually as it is, the Word of God, which is at work in you who believe."

(2 Timothy 3:16 NIV) "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness."

2. Make it a part of your everyday life.

(2 Corinthians 3:6 NIV) "He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant--not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life."

(Deuteronomy 6:6-9 NIV) "These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the door frames of your houses and on your gates."

3. Put it into practice.

(John 13:17 NIV) "Once you know these things you will be blessed if you do them."

(James 1:22 NIV) "Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says."

Fresh Air Principle #5: Fall in love with God's Word.