

## GOOD MEDICINE

*1 Thessalonians 2.13-20*

Like a good parent, the Apostle Paul is proud of the Thessalonian believers. He commends them for accepting the word of God and remaining faithful to Jesus despite encountering harsh persecution. Like good medicine, the word of God has been working in the lives of the Thessalonians ever since.

*And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word, but as it actually is, the word of God, **which is indeed at work in you who believe.***

1 Thessalonians 2.13

### The Bible is like good medicine.

*All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.*

2 Timothy 3.16-17 NLT

### How the medicine works in our lives:

Four purposes of the Bible:

1. Shows us the **TRUTH**
2. Exposes our **REBELLION**
3. Corrects our **MISTAKES**
4. Trains us to live **GOD'S WAY**

*His powerful Word is sharp as a surgeon's scalpel, cutting through everything, whether doubt or defense, laying us open to listen and obey. Hebrews 4.12 MSG*

### Tips for Taking Your Meds:

- Get an easy-to-read Bible.
- Select a specific time and place.
- Pray and ask God to help you understand.
- Start reading about Jesus: John, Matthew, Mark, Luke.
- Read slowly for a few minutes.
- Reflect on what you've read.

### Letting the meds do its work:

Ask the question: **Is there any...**

- sin to confess?
- promise to claim?
- attitude to change?
- command to obey?
- example to follow?
- prayer to pray?
- error to avoid?
- truth to believe?
- something to thank God for?

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**What is God saying to me?**

**What am I going to do about it?**

**Love God, Love Others, Learn Jesus, DO SOMETHING!**

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