

PREPARING FOR THE BATTLE—7 1

“Be Sure the *BLADE* of our *SWORD* is *SHARP*”

Ephesians 6:17b

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

Introduction: _____

I. FIRST, NOTE THE _____ OF THE SWORD.

II. SECONDLY, CONSIDER THE _____ OF THE SWORD.

A. First, we must _____ it or read it (Deuteronomy 17:18-20).
“And it shall be, when he sitteth upon the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write him a copy of this law in a book of that which is before the priests the Levites: And it shall be with him, and shall read therein, all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, and do them: That his heart be not lifted up above his brethren, and that he turn not aside from the commandment, to the right hand, or to the left: to the end that he may prolong his days in the kingdom, he, and his children, in the midst of Israel.”

B. Secondly, we must _____ it (Proverbs 22:17-21).
“Bow down thine ear, and hear the words of the wise, and apply thine heart unto my knowledge. For it is a pleasant thing if thou keep them within thee: they shall withal be fitted in thy lips. That they trust may be in the LORD, I have made known to thee this day, even to thee. Have not I written to thee excellent things in counsels and knowledge, That I might make thee know the certainty of the words of truth; that thou mightiest answer the words of truth to them that send unto thee.”

1. First, it helps you not so _____ (Psalm 119:11). “*Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.*”

2. Secondly, helps to get answers to _____ (John 15:7). “*If ye abide in me and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you.*”

3. Thirdly, it helps us find _____ and knowledge of God (Proverbs 2:5-6). “*A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels: To understand a proverb, and the interpretation: the words of the wise, and their dark sayings.*”

C. Thirdly, we must _____ upon it (Joshua 1:8). “*This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein, for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.*”