

WordCraft: Reception

SPIRITUAL TRAINING IN THE SCRIPTURES

Reception Training

- Receive
- Clear frequency
- Catch the ball

Importance of Receiving Jesus

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name John 1:12 (NASB)

Importance of Receiving God's Message

Therefore, we never stop thanking God that when you received his message from us, you didn't think of our words as mere human ideas. You accepted what we said as the very word of God—which, of course, it is. And this word continues to work in you who believe.

1 Thessalonians 2:13 (NLT)

Big Mistake

Then Jesus was approached by some Sadducees—religious leaders who say there is no resurrection from the dead. They posed this question: “Teacher, Moses gave us a law that if a man dies, leaving a wife without children, his brother should marry the widow and have a child who will carry on the brother's name. Well, suppose there were seven brothers. The oldest one married and then died without children. So the second brother married the widow, but he also died without children. Then the third brother married her. This continued with all seven of them, and still there were no children. Last of all, the woman also died.

So tell us, whose wife will she be in the resurrection? For all seven were married to her.”

Jesus replied, “Your mistake is that you don't know the Scriptures, and you don't know the power of God.

For when the dead rise, they will neither marry nor be given in marriage. In this respect they will be like the angels in heaven.

“But now, as to whether the dead will be raised—haven't you ever read about this in the writings of Moses, in the story of the burning bush? Long after Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob had died, God said to Moses, ‘I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.’

So he is the God of the living, not the dead. You have made a serious error.”

Mark 12:18-27 (NLT)

Sadducees-Religious Leaders

- Educated and highly trained in the Scriptures and the religious laws of Israel
- Politically connected
- Financially well off
- Intellectual elite (skeptics)

“You Don’t Know”

Jesus replied, “Your mistake is that you don’t know the Scriptures, and you don’t know the power of God. Mark 12:24 (NLT)

Breakdown

- Thinking too highly of one’s self
- Telling not receiving
- Taking social and political views over spiritual ones

Stop

“Be still, and know that I am God!” Psalm 46:10 (NLT)

Receive

- Receive God’s instruction
- Receive God’s explanation
- Receive God’s correction
- Receive God’s decision
- Receive God’s impartation

Please God

And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.
Hebrews 11:6 (NLT)

Practice Receiving

- Be open to God daily
- Listen to God don’t tell God
- Observe what God has said in the Bible
- Interpret the Bible God’s way
- Apply the Bible daily