

## **What the Lord taught me about reading The Word**

The Lord showed me that when I read His Word during my quiet times with Him, it is better to read it softly to myself, aloud. I noticed that when I started reading His Word aloud, during my devotional times, He started working inside my spirit far beyond what He did when I read it silently. I ask Him to show me what He wants me to read, and then I say the verse or verses to myself twenty or thirty times. I sense His Word becoming part of my spirit. There always comes a point where it seems the spoken Word seems to be coming from my spirit as I am saying it - the anointing is on it. Then I sense things being "rearranged" for lack of a better word, in my heart. Sometimes I sense His Word "burning" in my heart for hours. Then, the next day, I can tell He has changed me.

Most people I know read the Word silently when they study it. It is better to read it aloud, I've found. The Lord showed me this simple change in how you read it will cause dramatic differences in your walk and ministry. He had led me to read the Word that way years before He took me to heaven and explained to me the "why" - that His Word is really spiritual bread, food for our spirits in the same way bread is food for our bodies, and just as our mouths are involved in eating physical bread, our mouths are involved in eating spiritual bread. He showed me this simple change in how we read the Word will radically change the church.

He showed me that many people think Smith Wigglesworth is an "exception". Most think the miracles in Smith Wigglesworth's ministry, including eight people being raised from the dead, were due to him being baptized in the Holy Spirit. But there are many who are baptized in the Spirit who see few miracles. The Lord showed me that Smith Wigglesworth was not only full of His Spirit, but Smith was also full of His Word, too. Lester Sumrall, who lived with Wigglesworth for three years, said Smith would always carry a red New Testament where ever he went, and would read from it, aloud, two or three hours, every day. So the mighty miracles in Smith Wigglesworth's life were due to the fact that Smith applied the same principle the Lord had shown me. As this message makes its way through the body of Christ, there will be more and more people walking in the miraculous as Jesus walked in the miraculous. It is this message that leads to the mighty miracles including many being raised from the dead, that prophets have been predicting for years.

Why does this transformation take place? His Word is alive (Heb 4:12) When our hearts are full of His Word, His Word, Jesus, will live through us, and do the same things He did when He walked the shores of the Galilee, healed the sick, restored sight to the blind, preached the gospel, and raised the dead - in Smith Wigglesworth's case, eight were raised from the dead.