

Jesus.
His
Sufficiency.

The Book of **Colossians**

LET THE WORD OF CHRIST DWELL IN YOU RICHLY

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Jesus.

Colossians 3:16-17

***“Be doers of the word,
and not hearers only,
deceiving yourselves”***

~ James 1:22

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“In truth you cannot read too much Scripture; and what you read you cannot read too carefully, and what you read carefully you cannot understand too well, and what you understand well you cannot teach too well, and

***what you teach well you cannot
live too well.”***

~ Martin Luther quoted in John Piper
Legacy of Sovereign Joy

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1. Dwelling Involves Repetition

“And when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, he shall write for himself in a book a copy of this law, approved by the Levitical priests. And it shall be with him, and he shall read in it all the days of his life, that he

***may learn to fear the LORD
his God by keeping all the
words of this law and these
statutes, and doing them”***

~ Deuteronomy 17:18-19

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2. Dwelling Involves Meditation

“This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is

***written in it. For then
you will make your way
prosperous, and then
you will have good
success”***

~ Joshua 1:8

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3. Dwelling Involves Talking

***“And these words that I
command you today
shall be on your heart.
You shall teach them
diligently to your
children, and shall talk
of them when you sit in***

*your house, and when
you walk by the way,
and when you lie down,
and when you rise”*

~ Deuteronomy 6:6-7

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4. Dwelling Involves Obedience

“The way you suffer through your moment of difficulty will be shaped by what you brought into that difficulty.”

**~ Paul Trip
Forever**

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“Oh, that you and I might get into the very heart of the Word of God, and get that Word into ourselves! As I have seen the silkworm eat into the leaf, and consume it, so ought we to do with the Word of the Lord—not crawl over its surface, but eat right into it till we have taken it into our inmost parts. It is idle merely to let

*the eye glance over the words, or
to recollect the poetical
expressions, or the historic facts;
but it is blessed to eat into the very
soul of the Bible until, at last, you
come to talk in Scriptural language,
and your very style is fashioned
upon Scripture models, and, what
is better still, your spirit is flavored
with the words of the Lord.*

I would quote John Bunyan as an instance of what I mean. Read anything of his, and you will see that it is almost like the reading of the Bible itself. He had read it till his very soul was saturated with Scripture; and, though his writings are charmingly full of poetry, yet he cannot give us his Pilgrim's Progress—that sweetest of all

prose poems — without continually making us feel and say, “Why, this man is a living Bible!” Prick him anywhere—his blood is Bibline, the very essence of the Bible flows from him. He cannot speak without quoting a text, for his very soul is full of the Word of God.”

~ Autobiography of Charles H. Spurgeon
Mr. Spurgeon as a Literary Man

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