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This Year... is the year to “_____” and the Lord said, “In my word you will _____ in 2012.”

(Proverbs 4 20-23) My child, pay attention to what I say. Listen carefully to my **words**. ²¹ Don't lose sight of them. Let them penetrate **deep into your heart**, ²² for they bring life to those who find them, and healing to their whole body. ²³ Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.

Gold Rush

(Proverbs 16:16) How much better to get wisdom than **gold**, to get insight rather than silver!

WHY DELVE IN HIS WORD IN 2012?

(Hebrews 4:12) For the **word** of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

(Psalm 119:105) Your **word** is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

(Matthew 4:4) Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on **bread alone**, but on every **word** that comes from the mouth of God.’ ”

(1 John 5:14-15) This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his **will**, he hears us. ¹⁵ And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.

(Romans 10:17 NKJV) So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the **word** of God.

(John 8:31-32) If you continue in my **word** then you are truly my disciples and you will know the truth & the truth will set you free.

(2 Timothy 3:16-17) All **Scripture** is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

(Psalm 119:9-16) How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your **word**. ¹⁰ I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. ¹¹ I have hidden your **word** in my heart that I might not sin against you. ¹² Praise be to you, O LORD; teach me your decrees. ¹³ With my lips I recount all the laws that come from your mouth. ¹⁴ I rejoice in following your statutes as one rejoices in great riches. ¹⁵ I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways. ¹⁶ I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your **word**.

(Joshua 1:8) Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.

(Matthew 7:24-27) “Therefore everyone who hears these **words** of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. ²⁶ But everyone who hears these **words** of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

Information + _____ = _____.
Information - _____ = _____.

(Hebrews 4:2) For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the **word** which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it.

HOW DO I GO DEEPER THIS YEAR?

1. Make _____ for God & his word daily!
2. It starts with a _____!
3. Give people permission to hold you _____!
4. Find a _____ that works for you!
5. Continue throughout the _____.
6. Don't just read it! _____ it & _____ it!
7. _____ it, _____ it, _____ it, _____ it!