

## Scripture Reading

### **Colossians 3:15-17 (NIV)**

<sup>15</sup> Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

### **Ephesians 6:17 (NIV)**

<sup>17</sup> Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

1) The sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God

### **1 John 2:20 (NKJV)**

<sup>20</sup> But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things.

2) Logos and Rhema

### **Hebrews 4:12 (NIV)**

<sup>12</sup> For the word(logos) of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

### **Matthew 4:1-4 (NIV)**

<sup>1</sup> Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil.

<sup>2</sup> After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup> The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

### **Matthew 4:4 (NIV)**

<sup>4</sup> Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" (Deuteronomy 8:3)

### **Matthew 4:5-6 (NIV)**

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. <sup>6</sup> "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: "He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in

**Matthew 4:7 (NIV)**

<sup>7</sup> Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" (Deuteronomy 6:16)

**Matthew 4:8-10 (NIV)**

<sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. <sup>9</sup> "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me."

**Matthew 4:10 (NIV)**

<sup>10</sup> Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'" (Deuteronomy 6:13)

3) Keeping your sword sharp

**1 Samuel 13:19-22 (NIV)**

<sup>19</sup> Not a blacksmith could be found in the whole land of Israel, because the Philistines had said, "Otherwise the Hebrews will make swords or spears!"

<sup>20</sup> So all Israel went down to the Philistines to have their plowshares, mattocks, axes and sickles sharpened. <sup>21</sup> The price was two thirds of a shekel for sharpening plowshares and mattocks, and a third of a shekel for sharpening forks and axes and for repointing goads. <sup>22</sup> So on the day of the battle not a soldier with Saul and Jonathan had a sword or spear in his hand; only Saul and his son Jonathan had them.

a) Read the Bible

**Colossians 3:16 (NIV)**

<sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.

b) Ask for understanding

**John 14:26 (NIV)**

<sup>26</sup> But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

c) Memorize some of your favorite passages

**James 1:25 (NIV)**

<sup>25</sup> But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it--he will be blessed in what he does.