

A young child with short dark hair is lying in bed, covered by a white patterned blanket, reading a large black Bible. The child's face is partially obscured by the book. The Bible is open, showing the text of Isaiah 51:20. The background is a dark wooden headboard.

LIVING WORD / ETERNAL WORD

*foundations for
life and faith*

**When the foundations are being
destroyed, what can the righteous do?**

Psalms 11:3

“...you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow-citizens with God’s people and members of God’s household, built on **the foundation** of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.”

Ephesians 2:19,20

Joshua 1 Success Through the Word

Psalms 19 Perfections of the Word

Psalms 119 Suffering and the Word

John 16:5-15 The Spirit of Truth

1 Tim 4:1-15 Watch Your Doctrine

2 Tim 3:10-17 All Scripture God Breathed

Hebrews 4:9-16 The Living Active Word

2 Peter 1:16-21 Prophecy of Scripture

Joshua 1

1 ¶ After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, 2 "Moses my servant is dead. Now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the people of Israel. 3 Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, just as I promised to Moses. 4 From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun shall be your territory.

5 No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you.

6 Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them.

7 Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go.

8 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.

9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”

“The secret of success is making
your vocation your vacation.”

Mark Twain

When PEOPLE believe in
themselves they have the first
secret of success.”

Norman Vincent Peale

“The secret of Success is this:
There is no secret of success”

Elbert Hubbard

“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

1) Our strength to succeed is through God's Word.

“Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go.” Vs7

Psalm 1

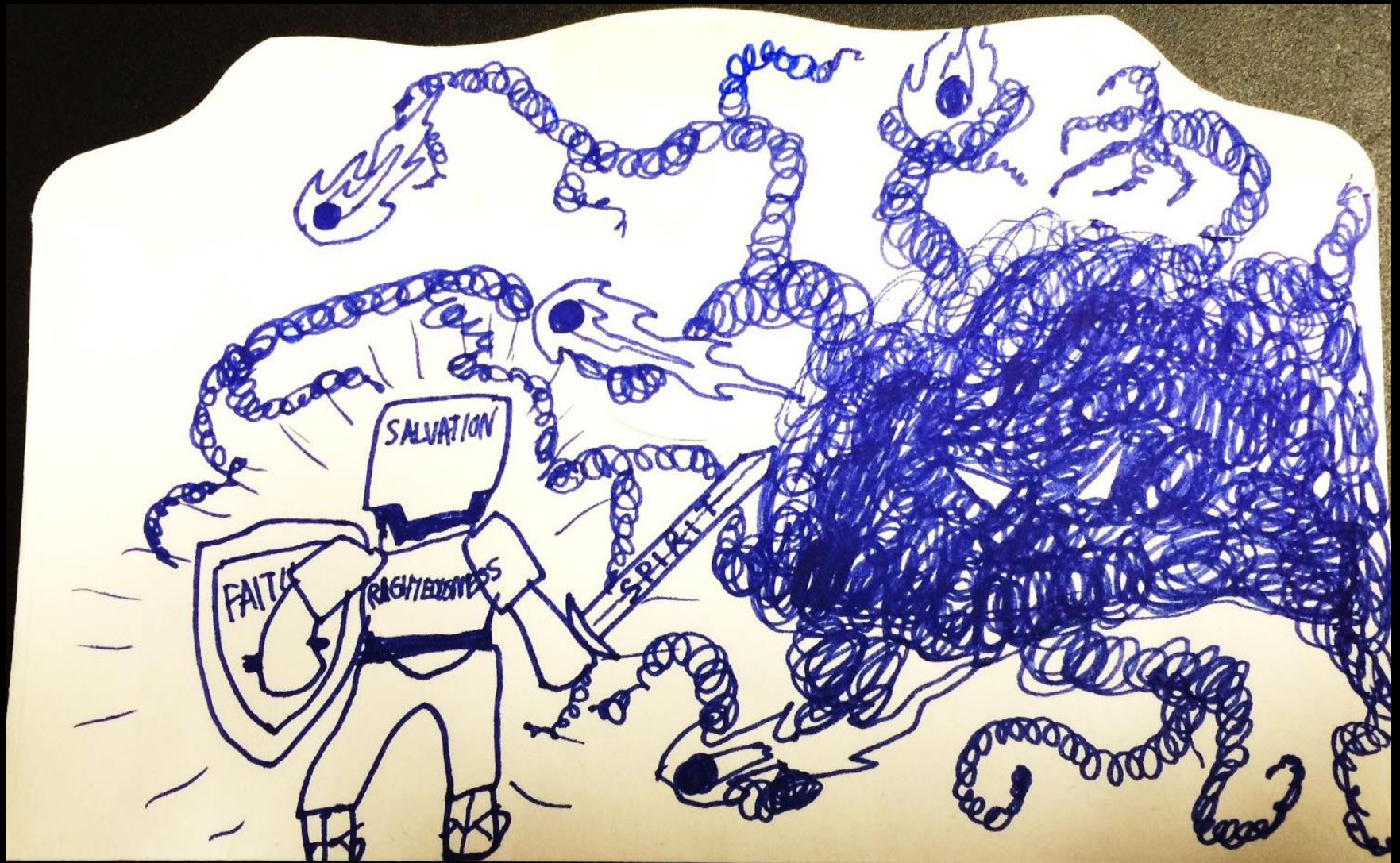
Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers.² But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.³ He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.

"Now I commit you **to God and to the word of his grace**, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified."

Acts 20:32

I will bow down towards your holy temple and
will praise your name for your love and your
faithfulness, for you have exalted above all
things **your name and your word.**

Psalm 138:2



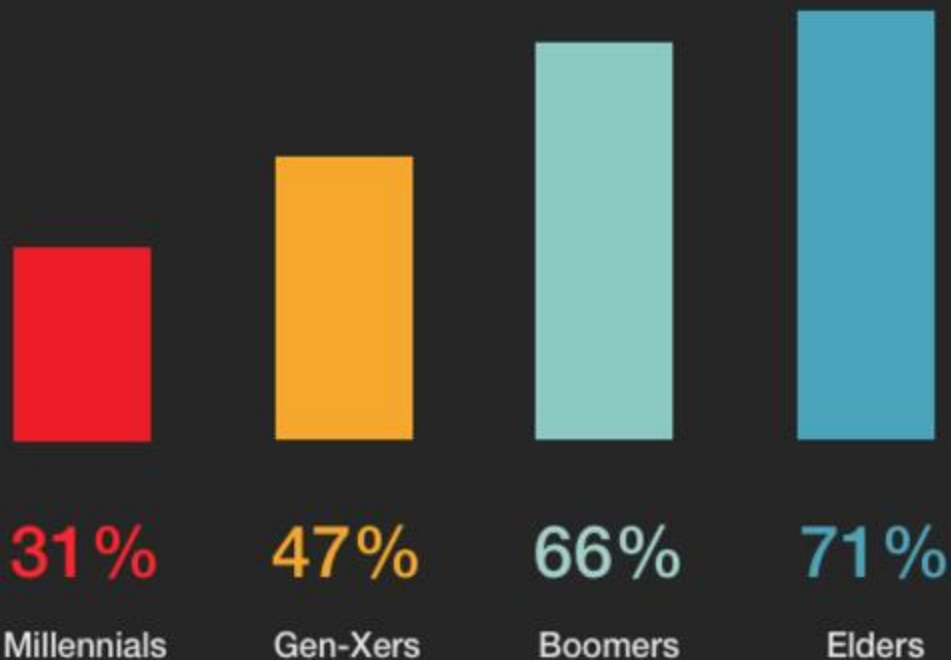
The Armor of God : Ephesians 6 -- drawing by Collin Hicks

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“If I were the devil . . . one of my first aims would be to stop folk from digging into the Bible. . . . How? Well, I should try to distract all clergy from preaching and teaching the Bible, and spread the feeling that to study this ancient book directly is a burdensome extra which modern Christians can forgo without loss. . . . At all costs I should want to keep them from using their minds in a disciplined way to get the measure of its messages.”

J. I. Packer

Politics Would Be More Civil
If Politicians Read the Bible Regularly





THE BIBLE IS SUFFICIENT FOR MEANINGFUL LIVING

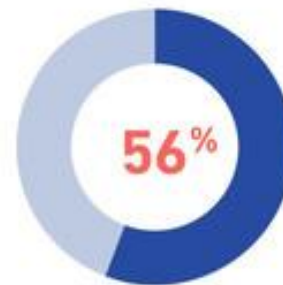
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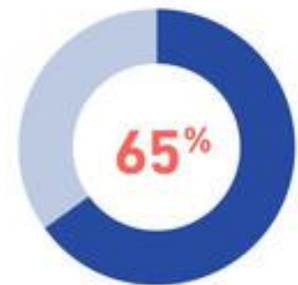
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Gen-Xers



Boomers



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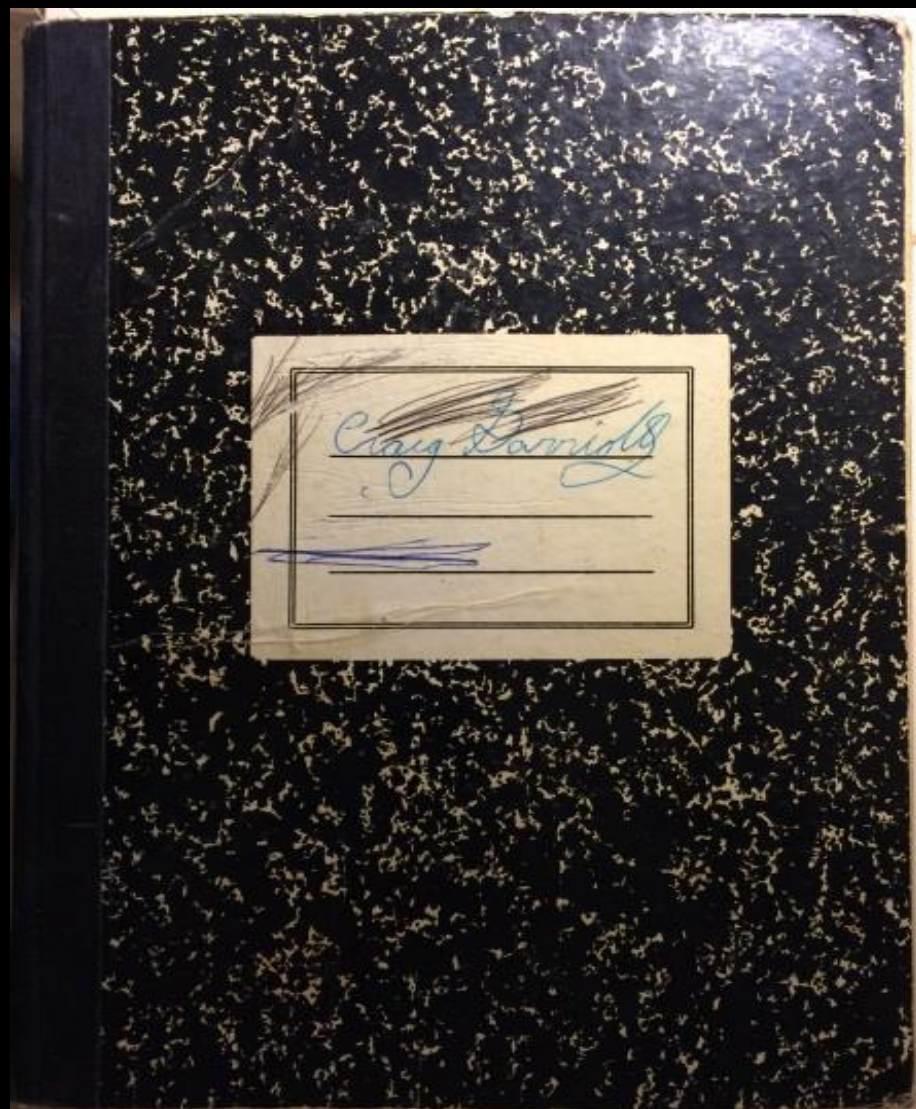
After that whole generation had been gathered to their fathers, another generation grew up, who knew neither the LORD nor what he had done for Israel. Then the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the LORD and served the Baals.

Judges 2: 10,11

2) Our strength to succeed is by meditation on God's Word

“ 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. “ vs 8

- *Joshua was to know God's Word personally*
- *Joshua was the talk about God's Word.*
- *Joshua was to meditate on God's Word.*



3) Our strength to succeed is by His presence who is The Word.

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.” vs9



Thomas Jefferson created his own gospel by taking a sharp instrument to existing copies of the New Testament and pasting up his own account of Christ's philosophy. (Hugh Talman / National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution)