**Proverbs 18:21** (Amplified Bible) "Death and life are in the power of the tongue…"

**Proverbs 18:21** (The Message Bible) "Words kill, words give life; they're either poison or fruit—you choose."

**Deuteronomy 30:19** "... I have set before you LIFE and DEATH, the blessings and curses; therefore choose life, that you and your descendants may live!"

**Proverbs 3:5** says, "Do not lean on your own understanding …"

**II Timothy 3:16,17** (Amplified Bible) -- "Every Scripture is God-breathed (given by His inspiration) and profitable for instruction, for reproof and conviction of sin, for correction of error and discipline in obedience, [and] for training in righteousness (in holy living, in conformity to God's will in thought, purpose, and action), so that the [woman] of God may be complete and proficient, well fitted and thoroughly equipped for every good work."

**Two Greek words in the Word for word → logos and rhema**

- **Logos** literally = expression of thought
- **Rhema** literally = utterance

**John 1:1** "In the beginning was the logos and the logos was with God and the logos was God."

**John 15:7** "If you abide in Me, and my rhemas abide in you, you shall ask anything in my name, and it shall be given to you."

**Hebrews 4:12** "For the Word that God speaks is alive and full of power [making it active, operative, energizing, and effective]; it is sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating to the dividing line of the breath of life (soul) and [the immortal] spirit, and of joints and marrow [of the deepest parts of our nature], exposing and sifting and analyzing and judging the very thoughts and purposes of the heart."

**2 vital things we need to know about the rhema word:**

1. A RHEMA word is a personal word spoken to our spirit, not necessarily to our mind.
2. A RHEMA word will never contradict the logos word.

“The significance of rhema as distinct from logos … is that it is not in reference to the whole Bible as such, but to the individual scripture which the Holy Spirit brings to our remembrance for use in a time of need, a prerequisite being ... the regular storing of the mind w/Scripture.” - Vine’s dictionary, page 683
**Nehemiah 4:4** (Amplified Bible) “I looked [them over] and rose up and said to the nobles and officials and the other people, Do not be afraid of the enemy; [earnestly] remember the Lord and imprint Him [on your minds], great and terrible, and [take from Him courage to] fight for your brethren, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your homes.”

**Benefits of the Rhema Word:**

1. **Wisdom in guidance** – Psalm 119:15, 105, 130

2. **Peace in troubled times** – Psalm 119:50, 52

3. **Power for deliverance** – Psalm 119:37, 133, 170

4. **Counsel for relationships** - Psalm 119:24, 99

5. **Courage in difficulty** - Psalm 119:71, 92

**Matthew 4:4** (the words of Jesus) “Man does not live on bread alone but on every rhema that comes from the mouth of God ...”

**Luke 5:1-8**

**Characteristics of the Rhema Word**

- The Rhema word is intimate.
- The Rhema word is an utterance of the Father’s heart and plan; many times it won’t make sense to us.
- The Rhema word has provision.
- The Rhema word will always bring humility! (the spirit of Jesus Christ Philippians 2:3-8)

**Extra verses for personal reading** –
- Psalm 119
- Proverbs 30:5
- Isaiah 55
- Matthew 24:35
- Colossians 3:16
- II Timothy 2:15
- James 1:22-25