

DRBC Verse of the Year 2011

Col 3.16

- **The Word of Christ**
originates with him
 - *his earthly teachings*
 - and is about him, the Gospel*
 - *witnessed to in Scriptures*

- **Dwelling in us richly**
as God's agent for change
 - *internalised*
 - *dynamically governing*
every part of our life

2 Cor 6.16

- **For teaching and correcting**
ourselves and others
 - *as we seek perfection* **1.28**
 - *Christ is the source*
of all true wisdom **2.3**

1. Read and Ponder it

- *chew it over **Psalm 1.2**
the secret of spiritual vitality
and fruitfulness **Gal 5.22-23***

2. Don't Resist its Cutting Edge

- *it's designed to penetrate
our deepest thoughts **Heb 4.12**
to judge our hidden attitudes*
- *we can't discern many of
our own faults **Psalm 19.12**
we need to look in the mirror
of God's Word **James 1.22-26***
- *we must humbly accept God's
convicting word **James 1.21-22**
so we are saved from our faults*
- *we mustn't harden our hearts
and so forfeit our salvation*

Heb 3.7-4.7

- **God's Word is our life Dt 32.46-47**

3. Be Prepared to Change

the Way you Think

- **our thoughts must be brought into line with God's Is 55.7-9**
from the ways of the world
Rom 12.2

4. Learn to Talk to Others

about what God is saying to us through the Preaching of his Word

- **what are we going to do about what we've heard him say to us?**
Malachi 3.16
don't let Satan snatch away the seed sown Mat 13.19
- **Ask, what should we do?**
Luke 3.10,12,14; Acts 2.37; 17.11

5. We must Ensure it Governs all our Decision-Making

- ***resist the temptation to ape others***
1 Sam 8.4-20
- ***we must take our cue from***
God's Word
Acts 1.20; 4.25-29; 15.14-17
- ***we hear the Spirit through***
the Word of Christ ***Rev 2-3***