

Four Qualities of the Word of God

Hebrews 4:12

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“For the word of God is (1.) living and (2.) powerful, and (3.) sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a (4.) discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”

	<i>Quality</i>	<i>Greek</i>	<i>Meaning</i>
1	“quick”	“dzaho”	“living” the words are from the living God
2	“powerful”	“energes”	comes from a word that means “energy”
3	“sharp”	“tomoteros”	figuratively used to mean “keen or insightful”
4	“discerning”	“krititkos”	“deep critical perception or judgment”

Two effects on the inner man

- 1. The Word of God can penetrate to the division of the physical and spirit parts of man.**
- 2. The Word of God can reveal the thoughts and intents of the heart.**