

THE WORD OF GOD A LAMP

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How can we forget the biography of Thomas Alva Edison, the inventor of electric bulb? There was a reason for Edison to discontinue his education after three months of schooling. During one of the inspections in his school, all the students could answer the questions asked by the inspector except Edison. At this, Edison's teacher was annoyed and remarked in the presence of the inspector, "This boy is abnormal." When Edison reported this to his mother, she came to the school and questioned them. To avenge this, the school authorities dismissed him and was given a T.C. (Transfer Certificate) with the following words, "Edison can not cope with studies as he is abnormal." The mother and the son returned home in tears. As he grew, with the scientific curiosity in him, he started conducting various experiments. In a span of thirteen years, he conducted 9998 experiments. During an experiment on electric lamp, an explosion deformed his face. Edison who received the strength from the Word of God prayed while in hospital without being discouraged. He came back to his laboratory in New York to continue his research. He prepared the filament miraculously and fixed it in a bottle. It started glowing. His wife woke up from her sleep and said, "You stupid, put off that bulb." Then Edison said, "Oh, this is bulb" . Thus bulb got its name. When Edison was asked as to what prompted him to go ahead with this great invention in

spite of innumerable failures, he replied that it is the power of the Word of God, **“I can do all things through him who strengthens me.”** (Phil 4:13).

This year is earmarked as the year of the Word of God by the church. It is the Word of God that should strengthen our minds amidst the number of problems that we face in life. If, those who crumble under the pressure of various setbacks in life, are willing to open and read the Bible, they will experience a renewed vigour. **“Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and delight of my heart.”** (Jer 15:16). The word of God is capable of setting us free from the attack of Satan, hereditary diseases, debts, family problems and so on. It is with the power of the Word of God that Jesus encountered the temptations and defeated Satan. (Lk. 4:4-13). When your heart is turbulent due to fatal diseases or mental conflicts, instead of depending only on medicine, it would be appropriate to read the Word of God, note it down and pray repeating it many times, which will bring about healing.. **“For neither herbs nor poultice cured them, but it was your word, O Lord that heals all people”.** (Wisdom 16:12).

The word of God has to become the source of our strength and solace. Amidst the calamities of life, open the Bible and read the word of God instead of harbouring the thoughts of suicide and getting discouraged. The light of the word of God is absolutely essential in order to keep you on the right track with out getting derailed and to lead a life according to the will of God. **“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”** (Psalms 119:105). The word of God has an answer to every problem that we encounter in life. Carry the word of God as a sword with you when all the sources of solace and comfort as well as all the doors of hope are closed against you, so that you will not lose your track. **“With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaring arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the spirit, which is the word of God.”** (Eph 6:16).

