What does the new creature eat?

2 Peter 1

3 His divine power has given us everything we need for a life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. 4 Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires

Ephesians 4

22 You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; 23 to be made new in the attitude of your minds; 24 and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

John 1

12 Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— 13 children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

2 Corinthians 5

1 Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

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Matthew 4

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. 2 After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. 3 The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

4 Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God."

Kingdom Creatures are fed by the Word of the King

Exactly how does God's Word (the Bible) feed the new creature?

2 Timothy 3

15 and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is Godbreathed and is useful for instruction, for conviction, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 so that the man of God may be complete, fully equipped for every good work.

1. It is God-breathed

- It creates and generates life

John 6:63 The Spirit gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.

- Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
- 3 And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.
- 6 And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters,
- 9 And God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear.
- 11 Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation
- 14 And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to separate the day from the night
- 20 And God said, "Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the sky.
- 24 And God said, "Let the land produce living creatures
- 26 Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky

1 Thessalonians 2

13 And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is indeed at work in you who believe.

When you read the scriptures, know that God's life-generating power is being breathed into you

2. It instructs

2 Thessalonians 2:13 But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters loved by the Lord, because God chose you as firstfruits to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. 14 ...

15 So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter.

When you read the scriptures, ask yourself "What truth is here that I need to believe"

3. It convicts and corrects

Hebrews 4

12 For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. 13 And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do.

When you read the scriptures, ask yourself "What does this reveal about me that needs to be changed"

4. It trains us in righteousness

Luke 6

40 A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like his teacher.

1 Corinthians 2

12 What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. 13 This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words.

1 Corinthians 2

14 The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit. 15 The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments, 16 ... But we have the mind of Christ.

When you read the scriptures; study them, meditate on them, pray on them, believe them, act on them

Matthew Mark Luke John

Acts
Romans
1 Corinthians
2 Corinthians

Galatians

Ephesians

Philippians

Colossians

1 Thessalonians

2 Thessalonians

1 Timothy

2 Timothy

Titus

Philemon

Hebrews

James

1 Peter

2 Peter

1 John

2 & 3 John

Jude

Revelation

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