

Lesson 3
TREASURE GOD'S WORD

"It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God." (Matthew 4:4).

Jesus answered the temptation of Satan with the Word of God. It is our strength and our power against temptation. If we want to be strong against the temptation of the enemy, then we must study God's Word and search out His truths.

1. Write Psalm 119:11.

The apostle John wrote, "I have written to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the wicked one" (1 John 2:14). We can overcome the wicked one by hiding the Word of God within us. When we face temptation, knowing God's Word will strengthen us. Jesus overcame temptation by knowing the Word of God. Knowing and memorizing Scripture is helpful to prevent sin.

Let's look at Psalm 119:162-168 to teach us how to treasure God's Word.

2. Write Psalm 119:162.

When someone finds a treasure, they are elated! We should have that same enthusiasm when we discover a great truth in God's Word. There's nothing more that will create excitement in your life than finding a new truth or something helpful when you read the Bible. But in order to discover it, you must search to find it. Look for the action words. When you get depressed or discouraged, seek God's Word for your answer, and then do it. Don't delve into your problem but dig in to the Bible! Searching and studying the Bible will produce joy.

3. Write Psalm 119:163.

Colossians 3:9 tells Christians to stop lying to one another. Ephesians 4:25 tells us to put away lying and let us speak the truth to one another. When we read God's Word it causes us to detest deception and hypocrisy. When we passionately read God's Word, it will build a resistance to lying. Search out passages that will build up a love for God's laws.

4. Write Psalm 119:164.

When the psalmist said, "seven times a day I praise you" he was not outlining a legalistic regiment. It was a figure of speech emphasizing that he did it all day long.

According to the Bible, praise is something we really need in our lives. It should be the dominant thing in our thinking and our vocabulary. But, sadly most of us suffer from some form of depression, discouragement, or become critical of many of the things around us. If you're feeling a little down, the only real remedy is praise. Praise is God's answer to discouragement.

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5. Write Psalm 119:165.

Loving the law of God will bring you peace. Having peace with God brings peace within yourself, which gives you peace with others. Through studying the Word, we come into a vital relationship with the Prince of Peace. Jesus said, "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace" (John 16:33). Treasuring God's Word sets in motion great peace.

Moreover, loving God's Word will give great stability in life. "Nothing causes them to stumble." Thinking about or quoting Scripture will help us to focus on Jesus and His promises of deliverance from temptation. It is a deterrent to sin.

If you go without the Word of God for one day, you'll notice it. If you go without it for two days, you begin to feel it. And if you go without it for three or more days, others see it.

6. Write Psalm 119:166.

Proverbs 3:5-6 reminds us, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths." Placing our hope in God stirs us to obey His Word.

7. Write Psalm 119:167.

The more I learn about who God really is, the more I love the Bible and love Him. When we study the Word of God we discover His testimony of love, grace, kindness, and mercy. When we treasure His testimony, we seek to know his Word more.

8. Write Psalm 119:168.

A resolve to obey God's Word demands that we know God's Word. A lot of us have the idea that we will automatically obey the Word of God without knowing what it says. But if we don't know what it says, we can't obey it.

In reality, the more we know God's Word, the more we will be motivated to obey it. Likewise, the less we know His Word, the less we are determined to keep it. If we commit to obey God's Word, we will learn it. And as we are learning it, our commitment will increase.

9. Psalm 119:169-176 ends in a prayer. Write the verse that speaks to you and share why.

The discovery of gold in 1848 sparked the California Gold Rush. Miners who were successful in finding treasure were disciplined and determined, despite the grueling hardships they endured. In the same way, if we are disciplined to read the Bible daily, in spite of what's going on around us, we will find great treasures hidden in God's Word.

If you seek her as silver, and search for her as for hidden treasures; then you will understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God. (Proverbs 2:4-5)