

## Guided by the Word (Psalm 119:97-112)

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2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NIV) All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Proverbs 14:34 (NIV) Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people.

Isaiah 5:20 (NIV) Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter.

### 1. \_\_\_\_\_ God's Word

Psalm 119:97 (NIV) Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long.

#### A. Gain \_\_\_\_\_

Psalm 119:98 (NIV) Your commands make me wiser than my enemies, for they are ever with me.

#### B. \_\_\_\_\_ on God's Word

Psalm 119:99 (NIV) I have more insight than all my teachers, for I meditate on your statutes.

### 2. \_\_\_\_\_ God's Word

Psalm 119:100-101 (NIV) I have more understanding than the elders, for I obey your precepts. I have kept my feet from every evil path so that I might obey your word.

#### A. God's Word is \_\_\_\_\_

Psalm 119:102-103 (NIV) I have not departed from your laws, for you yourself have taught me. How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

#### B. Hate \_\_\_\_\_ paths

Psalm 119:104 (NIV) I gain understanding from your precepts; therefore I hate every wrong path.

### 3. \_\_\_\_\_ God's Word

Psalm 119:105-106 (NIV) Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. I have taken an oath and confirmed it, that I will follow your righteous laws.

#### A. God's Word \_\_\_\_\_

Psalm 119:107 (NIV) I have suffered much; preserve my life, O LORD, according to your word.

#### B. God \_\_\_\_\_ His Word

Psalm 119:108 (NIV) Accept, O LORD, the willing praise of my mouth, and teach me your laws.

### 4. \_\_\_\_\_ God's Word

Psalm 119:109 (NIV) Though I constantly take my life in my hands, I will not forget your law.

#### A. \_\_\_\_\_ in trouble

Psalm 119:110 (NIV) The wicked have set a snare for me, but I have not strayed from your precepts.

#### B. God's Word brings \_\_\_\_\_

Psalm 119:111-112 (NIV) Your statutes are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart. My heart is set on keeping your decrees to the very end.

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Intro. How would you explain the purpose of God's Word to someone from 2 Timothy 3:16-17?

In what ways has the neglect of God's Word in our nation affected us (Proverbs 14:34, Isaiah 5:20)?

How do you think that our nation could return to its biblical foundation?

1A. What does a person's love or lack of love for God's Word tell you about their relationship with God (Psalm 119:97)?

1B. In what areas of life can God's Word give us wisdom and understanding (Psalm 98-99)?

1C. Why is important to meditate on God's Word (Psalm 119:97, 99)? How could you grow in meditating on the Bible?

2A. Why is obedience to God's Word important to gain more understanding (Psalm 119:100-101)?

2B. What competes with the sweetness of God's Word in our lives (Psalm 119:102-103)?

2C. How does understanding God's Word lead to hating wrong paths (Psalm 119:104)? Give some practical examples.

3A. How would you explain to someone their need of God's Word to guide their life (Psalm 119:105-106)?

3B. In what ways can God's Word protect a person's life (Psalm 119:107)?

3C. How does God teach us His Word (Psalm 119:102, 108, John 14:26)?

4A. In what times of life is it easiest to forget God's Word (Psalm 119:109)?

4B. How do the wicked set snares to tempt people to stray from God's Word (Psalm 119:110)?

4C. If God's Word is not the joy of your heart, what should you do (Psalm 119:111-112)?