

## You're as Close to God as You Choose!

Yes, it's true! One of the local pastors in his weekly message said "you're as close to God as you choose to be!" It's a choice, an action, and a decision to making an effort to be open to God's ways! To be clear... the more alone time you spend with God, generally speaking..... with your bible open, the more you will understand Him and His over 7,000 promises in the bible.

### If you wish CIRCLE key words, descriptions, and adjectives in God's words available to you.

*"How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word. <sup>10</sup> I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. <sup>11</sup> I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you."*

*<sup>12</sup> Praise be to you, LORD; teach me your decrees. <sup>13</sup> With my lips I recount all the laws that come from your mouth. <sup>14</sup> I rejoice in following your statutes as one rejoices in great riches.*

*<sup>15</sup> I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways. <sup>16</sup> I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word."*

*<sup>17</sup> Be good to your servant while I live, that I may obey your word. <sup>18</sup> Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law"*

Psalm 119:9-18 NIV

*Teach me, Lord, the way of your decrees, that I may follow it to the end. <sup>34</sup> Give me understanding, so that I may keep your law and obey it with all my heart. <sup>35</sup> Direct me in the path of your commands, for there I find delight.*

*<sup>36</sup> Turn my heart toward your statutes and not toward selfish gain. <sup>37</sup> Turn my eyes away from worthless things; preserve my life according to your word."*

Psalm 119:33-37 NIV

### In your own words what does God's word say? \_\_\_\_\_

### In a Godly life and in His word He gives us:

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| 1. Tools for the tool box   | 2. Guidelines to live       | 3. Protection from some problems      |
| 4. Comfort in pain          | 5. Encouragement            | 6. Wisdom discernment to challenges   |
| 7. A hunger to seek Him     | 8. Teaches us to trust Him  | 9. Commands us to love Him and others |
| 10. 7,000 promises in Bible | 11. Security and boundaries | 12. Asks for obedience                |
| 13. Asks for humility       | 14. Prayerful peace         | 15. Truth and clarity                 |

How could you better apply God's word to your life? Explain \_\_\_\_\_

**The Wise and Foolish Builders** *Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who build his house on the rock.*

Matthew 7:24 NIV