

Power and Wisdom in God's Words

Psalm 119: 9-40 (NIV)

God's word is full of great things for us! Reflect on Psalms 119:9-40 (below). Circle key themes, descriptions, and action words that illustrate how God's word can impact you in your daily life.

(Note: You will find more than 50 action words and key points if you look closely.)

How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word.

I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands.

I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

Praise be to you, O Lord; teach me your decrees.

With my lips I recount all the laws that come from your mouth.

I rejoice in following your statutes as one rejoices in great riches.

I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways.

I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word.

Do good to your servant, and I will live; I will obey your word.

Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.

I am a stranger on earth; do not hide your commands from me.

My soul is consumed with longing for your laws at all times.

You rebuke the arrogant, who are cursed and who stray from your commands.

Remove me from scorn and contempt, for I keep your statutes.

Though rulers sit together and slander me, your servant will meditate on your decrees.

Your statutes are my delight; they are my counselors.

I am laid low in the dust; preserve my life according to your word.

I recounted my ways and you answered me; teach me your decrees.

Let me understand the teaching of your precepts; then I will meditate on your wonders.

My soul is weary with sorrow; strengthen me according to your word.

Keep me from deceitful ways; be gracious to me through your law.

I have chosen the way of truth. I have set my heart on your on your laws.

I hold fast to your statutes, O lord do not let me be put to shame.

I run in the path of your commands, for you have set my heart free.

Teach me, O Lord, to follow your decrees; then I will keep them to the end.

Give me understanding, and I will keep your law and obey it with all my heart.

Direct me in the path of your commands, for there I find delight.

Turn my heart toward your statutes and not toward selfish gain.

Turn my eyes away from worthless things; preserves my life according to your word.

Fulfill your promise to your servant, so that you may be feared.

Take away the disgrace I dread, for you laws are good.

How I long for your precepts! Preserve my life in your righteousness.

Talking Points

Questions to ponder:

1) What key points or impressions do you see in God's words? _____

2) List some of the key action words (for you and from God) that you see in these verses above? _____

3) Roughly how many key points and adjectives did you find in the verses you read? More than 50 or maybe close to 60 key points and action words that indicate what you can do to honor God and what God can (and will) do for you. Which actions can you start doing today? _____

Some attributes you can gain in STUDING, MARINATING on, and just BEING in God's WORD:

- TOOLS for life
- GUIDELINES for life
- PROTECTION from some of life problems
- COMFORT in life
- ENCOURGEMENT in life
- WISDOM and DISCERNMENT to life's challenges
- HUNGER to KNOW GOD better
- LEARNING to TRUST GOD better
- FINDING SECURITY in HIS WORDS
- STRENGTH to be consistent in READING God's WORDS**
- HUMILITY GAINED from STUDING GOD'S WORD
- PRAYERFUL-like manner ABSORBED from His WORD
- KNOWING the TRUTH in GOD'S WORDS

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- 4) Were there any other key points you found in the verses you read? _____

Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

Matthew 7: 24 (NIV)

But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand.

Matthew 7:26 (NIV)

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.

Matthew 7:7 (NIV)