

Praying Scripture

****[A Prayer for one another, using Colossians 1:9-13]****

Use the following prayer from Paul as a blueprint to pray for another person. Use as a guide. Do not pray word for word.

⁹For this reason also, since the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so that you may walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; ¹¹ strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all steadfastness and patience; joyously ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. ¹³ For He delivered us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, — Colossians 1:9-13 (Also Ephesians 1:15-19).

Strength to Lead

Thank you for being obedient to God's call on your life for being a prayer leader in your church. A *House of Prayer* is what Jesus said His House would be.

Remember Jesus is the head of the prayer ministry in your church. Diligently seek His face. Depend on Him. Wait on Him. Listen for Him. This is key in all that you do or teach.

As a prayer leader in your church, you will be responsible for encouraging, building up, and bringing your group to unity. Feed your people with the pure honey of God's word and point them to Jesus. Model prayer for them. Keep your *total dependence upon Jesus*.

The greatest thing you can do for those you are called to lead in your church is for *you to personally draw close to God*. Know Him intimately. Seek His face. Diligently seek after the things of God. Abiding in His word. Spending time alone (in your secret place) on your knees. Come to him empty, with faith that He will fill you. He will be your strength. Ask Him for He will direct you.

¹¹ And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; ¹² For the perfecting of the saints, **for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:** ¹³ **Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God,** unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ: — Ephesians 4:11-13

- **God calls some to teach, to pastor.**
- **The goal is to help perfect the saints**
- **The goal is to edify and build up the body**
- **The goal is unity in the faith**
- **The goal is the knowledge of Jesus**

Not many of you should presume to be teachers, my brothers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. — James 3:1

- **Take teaching seriously.**
- **God judges teachers more strictly**

****[Pray to be a leader]****

Make me know Thy ways, O LORD; Teach me Thy paths. ⁵ Lead me in Thy truth and teach me, For Thou art the God of my salvation; For Thee I wait all the day. — Psalm 25:4

Teach me Thy way, O LORD, And lead me in a level path, Because of my foes. — Psalm 27:11

I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you should go; I will counsel you with My eye upon you. — Psalm 32:8

⁷ **Submit therefore to God.** Resist the devil and he will flee from you. ⁸ **Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.** Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. — James 4:7,8

And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that **He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.** — Hebrews 11:6

Matthew 20:25 But Jesus called them to Himself, and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. ²⁶ “It is not so among you, but **whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant, ²⁷ and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave; ²⁸ just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”**

The Power of God's Word.

To understand the power of scripture, look and see what scripture says.

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being by Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. ⁴ In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. John 1:1-5

- **In the beginning was the Word.**
- **Jesus is the Word.**
- **The Word is God.**
- **In Jesus (The Word) was life and the light of men.**

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: — 2 Timothy 3:16

- **Scripture is given to us by inspiration of God**
- **Scripture is profitable.**
- **Good for reproof.**
- **Good for correction.**
- **Good for instruction in righteousness.**

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. — Hebrews 4:12

- **The word of God is quick**
- **The word of God is powerful**
- **The word of God is sharper than any two-edged sword**
- **The word of God can divide soul and spirit**
- **The word of God is a great discerner**

If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. — John 15:7

- **When God's word abides in us, we pray with power**

Forever, O LORD, Thy word is settled in heaven. — Psalm 119:89

“Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away. — Luke 21:33

- **God's Word is eternal.**

So shall My word be which goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me empty, Without accomplishing what I desire, And without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it. — Isaiah 55:11

- **God's Word will not return void to Him.**

All Thy commandments are faithful; They have persecuted me with a lie; help me! — Psalm 119:86

- **God's Word is faithful.**

⁷ The works of His hands are truth and justice; All His precepts are sure. ⁸ They are upheld forever and ever; They are performed in truth and uprightness. — Psalm 111:7, 8

- **God's precepts are sure.**
- **God's Word are performed in truth and righteousness**

⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect, restoring the soul; The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. ⁸ The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes. — Psalm 19: 7, 8

- **God's law is perfect**

- **God's Word can make the simple wise**
- **God's Word brings joy to the heart**
- **God's Word is pure**
- **God's Word enlightens our eyes**

⁹ Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word. ¹⁰ With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments. ¹¹ **Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.** ¹² Blessed art thou, O LORD: teach me thy statutes. — Psalm 119:9-12

- **God's word hidden in our hearts helps protect us from sin.**

⁷¹ It is good for me that I was afflicted, That I may learn Thy statutes. ⁷² The law of Thy mouth is better to me Than thousands of gold and silver pieces. ⁷³ Thy hands made me and fashioned me; Give me understanding, that I may learn Thy commandments. — Psalm 119:71-73

⁶ And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: ⁷ And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. ⁸ And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. ⁹ And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates. — Deuteronomy 6:6-9

- **God commands the children of Israel to keep his word in their hearts.**
- **He commands us to teach the word**
- **He commands us to have them with us when we sit, walk and lie down**

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. — Joshua 1:8

- **God's word is key to prosperity and good success.**

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. ² But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. ³ And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. ⁴ The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away. ⁵ Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. ⁶ For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish. — Psalm 1: 1-6

- **God's Word in us yields fruit, strength in hard times and prosperity**

¹⁷ But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children; ¹⁸ To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them. — Psalm 103:17,18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. — John 1:1

1 Peter 1:25 But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.

- **God's Word is eternal — from the beginning.**

He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him. — John 14:21

- **God's Word when kept opens the door for Jesus to be with you.**

If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. — John 15: 10

- **Keeping God's Word results in us abiding in His love.**

Jesus said to them, "Is this not the reason you are mistaken, that **you do not understand the Scriptures, or the power of God?**" — Mark 12:24

Matthew 22:29 But Jesus answered and said to them, "You are mistaken, **not understanding the Scriptures, or the power of God.**"

Romans 1:16 **For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes,** to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

1 Corinthians 1:18 **For the word of the cross is to those who are perishing foolishness, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.**

1 Corinthians 2:5 that **your faith should not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God.**

Ephesians 6:17 And take the helmet of salvation, and **the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.**

Hebrews 1:3 And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and **upholds all things by the word of His power.** When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high;

Revelation 1:16 And in His right hand He held seven stars; and out of His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword; and His face was like the sun shining in its strength.

Revelation 3:8 'I know your deeds. Behold, I have put before you an open door which no one can shut, **because you have a little power, and have kept My word, and have not denied My name.**

- **There is power in God's Word**

Hebrews 11:3 Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

- **God's Word framed the worlds.**

Psalms 33:6 By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth. God's word is eternal.

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Isaiah 40:8 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.

John 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

1 John 1:1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life;

1 John 5:7 For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

Revelation 19:13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

- **God's Word became flesh and dwelt among us. Jesus is the Word.**

Psalms 33:4 For the word of the LORD is right; and all his works are done in truth.

- **God's Word is right.**

Psalms 119:142 Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and thy law is the truth.

- **God's Word is truth.**

Psalms 105:8 He hath remembered his covenant for ever, the word which he commanded to a thousand generations.

- **God remembers His word to a thousand generations.**

Psalms 68:11 The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it.

- **God's Word was written by men inspired by the Holy Spirit.**

Psalms 147:15 He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth: his word runneth very swiftly.

James 1:18 Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

- **God's Word is sent to us from God Himself.**

Isaiah 55:8-11 ⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. ¹⁰ For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: ¹¹ So shall **my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.**

- **God's Word will never fail.**

Ephesians 6:17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

- **God's Word is the sword of the spirit.**

2 Samuel 22:31 As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the LORD is tried: he is a buckler to all them that trust in him.

- **God's Word is tried.**

Psalms 119:72 The law of thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver.

- **God's Word is better than gold and silver**

Knowing God's word = Praying God's will.

To know God's will abide in His Word. Feed daily on His Word. Hide the Word in your heart. Meditate on His Word. Obey His Word. Then pray His Word (and His promises) back to Him. Listen to Him always.

Listen to the prompting of His Holy Spirit.

His Word clearly speaks to life's issues. In His Word he tells us *His* heart. God gives us His word because He loves us. His Word reveals God's heart for us. In fact, in some places the Bible actually reads *this is the will of God*.

1 Thessalonians 4:3 For **this is the will of God**, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:

1 Thessalonians 5:18 In every thing give thanks: for **this is the will of God** in Christ Jesus concerning you.

Romans 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but **be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind**, that ye may prove what is that **good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God**.

1 Peter 4:2 That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to **the will of God**.

*******[Praying Psalm 119. A prayer lesson.]*******

This lesson actually gets people into praying from the scripture. It is amazing to see them do this. All of a sudden they are praying the prayers of the psalmist. They do not have trouble focusing. They are quickly encouraged.

Who wrote scripture?

2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

What does God say if we will pray according to His will?

1 John 5:14 This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. 15 And if we know that he hears us --whatever we ask --we know that we have what we asked of him.

What better way than to pray back to God that which He Himself has written to us?

Psalm 119:11 I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

What would happen if we humbled ourselves and asked the things asked for in Psalm 119? Have people sit in groups of four to eight. Start in verse eight and ask them to pray two verses. Do not just read the verses, but use them as a guide for their personal prayer. Have them pray for the group.

Example: Father, let us always keep your statutes, please do not forsake us. Keep us in Your Word that we may be clean.

1 Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD.

2 Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart.

3 They also do no iniquity: they walk in his ways.

4 Thou hast commanded us to keep thy precepts diligently.

5 O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes!

6 Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all thy commandments.

7 I will praise thee with uprightness of heart, when I shall have learned thy righteous judgments.

8 I will keep thy statutes: **O forsake me not utterly.**

9 Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word.

10 With my whole heart have I sought thee: **O let me not wander from thy commandments.**

11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

12 Blessed art thou, O LORD: **teach me thy statutes.**

13 With my lips have I declared all the judgments of thy mouth.

14 I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies, as much as in all riches.

15 I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways.

Do not forsake me

Help me focus on your word

Teach me thy statutes

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| 16 I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word. | |
| 17 Deal bountifully with thy servant , that I may live, and keep thy word. | Deal bountifully with me |
| 18 Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law. | <u>Open my eyes</u> , to see wondrous things |
| 19 I am a stranger in the earth: hide not thy commandments from me. | Hide not your commandments from me |
| 20 My soul breaketh for the longing that it hath unto thy judgments at all times. | |
| 21 Thou hast rebuked the proud that are cursed, which do err from thy commandments. | |
| 22 Remove from me reproach and contempt ; for I have kept thy testimonies. | Remove reproach and |
| contempt from me | |
| 23 Princes also did sit and speak against me: but thy servant did meditate in thy statutes. | |
| 24 Thy testimonies also are my delight and my counsellors. | |
| 25 My soul cleaveth unto the dust: quicken thou me according to thy word. | Quicken me according to thy word |
| 26 I have declared my ways, and thou heardest me: teach me thy statutes. | <u>Teach me thy statutes</u> |
| 27 Make me to understand the way of thy precepts : so shall I talk of thy wondrous works. | <u>Make me understand</u> the way of thy |
| precepts | |
| 28 My soul melteth for heaviness: strengthen thou me according unto thy word. | Strengthen me according to thy word |
| 29 Remove from me the way of lying: and grant me thy law graciously. | Remove the way of lying |
| 30 I have chosen the way of truth: thy judgments have I laid before me. | |
| 31 I have stuck unto thy testimonies: O LORD, put me not to shame. | Do not put me to shame |
| 32 I will run the way of thy commandments, when thou shalt enlarge my heart. | |
| 33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of thy statutes ; and I shall keep it unto the end. | <u>Teach me</u> the way of your statutes |
| 34 Give me understanding , and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart. | <u>Give me understanding</u> |
| 35 Make me to go in the path of thy commandments ; for therein do I delight. | Make me go in the path of thy |
| commandments | |
| 36 Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness. | Incline my heart to thy testimonies/not |
| covetness | |
| 37 Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity ; and quicken thou me in thy way. | Turn my eyes from vanity |
| 38 Establish thy word unto thy servant , who is devoted to thy fear. | Establish thy word unto thy servant |
| 39 Turn away my reproach which I fear : for thy judgments are good. | Turn away my reproach |
| 40 Behold, I have longed after thy precepts: quicken me in thy righteousness. | Quicken me in thy righteousness |
| 41 Let thy mercies come also unto me, O LORD, even thy salvation , according to thy word. | Let thy mercy and salvation come to me |
| 42 So shall I have wherewith to answer him that reproacheth me: for I trust in thy word. | |
| 43 And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth ; for I have hoped in thy judgments. | Take not thy word from my mouth |
| 44 So shall I keep thy law continually for ever and ever. | |
| 45 And I will walk at liberty: for I seek thy precepts. | |
| 46 I will speak of thy testimonies also before kings, and will not be ashamed. | |
| 47 And I will delight myself in thy commandments, which I have loved. | |
| 48 My hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have loved; and I will meditate in thy statutes. | |
| 49 Remember the word unto thy servant, upon which thou hast caused me to hope. | Remember thy word to me |
| 50 This is my comfort in my affliction: for thy word hath quickened me. | |
| 51 The proud have had me greatly in derision: yet have I not declined from thy law. | |
| 52 I remembered thy judgments of old, O LORD; and have comforted myself. | |
| 53 Horror hath taken hold upon me because of the wicked that forsake thy law. | |
| 54 Thy statutes have been my songs in the house of my pilgrimage. | |
| 55 I have remembered thy name, O LORD, in the night, and have kept thy law. | |
| 56 This I had, because I kept thy precepts. | |
| 57 Thou art my portion, O LORD: I have said that I would keep thy words. | |
| 58 I intreated thy favour with my whole heart: be merciful unto me according to thy word. | Be merciful to me |
| 59 I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies. | |
| 60 I made haste, and delayed not to keep thy commandments. | |
| 61 The bands of the wicked have robbed me: but I have not forgotten thy law. | |
| 62 At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee because of thy righteous judgments. | |
| 63 I am a companion of all them that fear thee, and of them that keep thy precepts. | |
| 64 The earth, O LORD, is full of thy mercy: teach me thy statutes. | <u>Teach me thy statutes</u> |
| 65 Thou hast dealt well with thy servant, O LORD, according unto thy word. | |
| 66 Teach me good judgment and knowledge : for I have believed thy commandments. | <u>Teach me good judgement and</u> |
| knowledge | |
| 67 Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word. | |
| 68 Thou art good, and doest good; teach me thy statutes. | <u>Teach me thy statutes</u> |

69 The proud have forged a lie against me: but I will keep thy precepts with my whole heart.
70 Their heart is as fat as grease; but I delight in thy law.
71 It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes.
72 The law of thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver.
73 Thy hands have made me and fashioned me: **give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments.** **Give me understanding to learn**
74 They that fear thee will be glad when they see me; because I have hoped in thy word.
75 I know, O LORD, that thy judgments are right, and that thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me.
76 Let, **I pray thee, thy merciful kindness be for my comfort,** according to thy word unto thy servant. **Give me merciful kindness**
77 **Let thy tender mercies come unto me,** that I may live: for thy law is my delight. **Give me thy tender mercies**
78 Let the proud be ashamed; for they dealt perversely with me without a cause: but I will meditate in thy precepts.
79 Let those that fear thee turn unto me, and those that have known thy testimonies.
80 **Let my heart be sound in thy statutes;** that I be not ashamed. **Let my heart be sound in thy statutes**
81 My soul fainteth for thy salvation: but I hope in thy word.
82 Mine eyes fail for thy word, saying, When wilt thou comfort me?
83 For I am become like a bottle in the smoke; yet do I not forget thy statutes.
84 How many are the days of thy servant? when wilt thou execute judgment on them that persecute me?
85 The proud have digged pits for me, which are not after thy law.
86 All thy commandments are faithful: they persecute me wrongfully; **help thou me.** **Help thou me.**
87 They had almost consumed me upon earth; but I forsook not thy precepts.
88 **Quicken me after thy lovingkindness;** so shall I keep the testimony of thy mouth. **Quicken me after thy lovingkindness**
89 For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.
90 Thy faithfulness is unto all generations: thou hast established the earth, and it abideth.
91 They continue this day according to thine ordinances: for all are thy servants.
92 Unless thy law had been my delights, I should then have perished in mine affliction.
93 I will never forget thy precepts: for with them thou hast quickened me.
94 I am thine, **save me;** for I have sought thy precepts. **Save me**
95 The wicked have waited for me to destroy me: but I will consider thy testimonies.
96 I have seen an end of all perfection: but thy commandment is exceeding broad.
97 O how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day.
98 Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they are ever with me.
99 I have more understanding than all my teachers: for thy testimonies are my meditation.
100 I understand more than the ancients, because I keep thy precepts.
101 I have refrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep thy word.
102 I have not departed from thy judgments: for thou hast taught me.
103 How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!
104 Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way.
105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.
106 I have sworn, and I will perform it, that I will keep thy righteous judgments.
107 I am afflicted very much: **quicken me, O LORD, according unto thy word.** **Quicken me according unto thy word**
108 **Accept, I beseech thee, the freewill offerings of my mouth, O LORD,**
mouth **Accept the freewill offerings of my**
and teach me thy judgments. **Teach me thy judgements**
109 My soul is continually in my hand: yet do I not forget thy law.
110 The wicked have laid a snare for me: yet I erred not from thy precepts.
111 Thy testimonies have I taken as an heritage for ever: for they are the rejoicing of my heart.
112 I have inclined mine heart to perform thy statutes always, even unto the end.
113 I hate vain thoughts: but thy law do I love.
114 Thou art my hiding place and my shield: I hope in thy word.
115 Depart from me, ye evildoers: for I will keep the commandments of my God.
116 **Uphold me according unto thy word,** that I may live: and **let me not be ashamed of my hope.** **Uphold me according to thy word**
117 **Hold thou me up,** and I shall be safe: and I will have respect unto thy statutes continually. **Hold me up**
118 Thou hast trodden down all them that err from thy statutes: for their deceit is falsehood.
119 Thou puttest away all the wicked of the earth like dross: therefore I love thy testimonies.
120 My flesh trembleth for fear of thee; and I am afraid of thy judgments.
121 I have done judgment and justice: **leave me not to mine oppressors.** **Do not leave me to my oppressors**
122 **Be surety for thy servant for good: let not the proud oppress me.** **Be surety for me. Don't let the proud oppress me.**

123 Mine eyes fail for thy salvation, and for the word of thy righteousness.
124 **Deal with thy servant according unto thy mercy, and teach me thy statutes.**

125 I am thy servant; **give me understanding**, that I may know thy testimonies.
126 It is time for thee, LORD, to work: for they have made void thy law.
127 Therefore I love thy commandments above gold; yea, above fine gold.
128 Therefore I esteem all thy precepts concerning all things to be right; and I hate every false way.
129 Thy testimonies are wonderful: therefore doth my soul keep them.
130 The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.
131 I opened my mouth, and panted: for I longed for thy commandments.
132 **Look thou upon me, and be merciful unto me**, as thou usest to do unto those that love thy name.
133 **Order my steps in thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me.**

134 **Deliver me from the oppression of man:** so will I keep thy precepts.
135 **Make thy face to shine upon thy servant; and teach me thy statutes.**

136 Rivers of waters run down mine eyes, because they keep not thy law.
137 Righteous art thou, O LORD, and upright are thy judgments.
138 Thy testimonies that thou hast commanded are righteous and very faithful.
139 My zeal hath consumed me, because mine enemies have forgotten thy words.
140 Thy word is very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it.
141 I am small and despised: yet do not I forget thy precepts.
142 Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and thy law is the truth.
143 Trouble and anguish have taken hold on me: yet thy commandments are my delights.
144 The righteousness of thy testimonies is everlasting; **give me understanding**, and I shall live.
145 I cried with my whole heart; **hear me, O LORD:** I will keep thy statutes.
146 I cried unto thee; **save me**, and I shall keep thy testimonies.
147 I prevented the dawning of the morning, and cried: I hoped in thy word.
148 Mine eyes prevent the night watches, that I might meditate in thy word.
149 **Hear my voice according unto thy lovingkindness:** O LORD, **quicken me according to thy judgment.**
150 They draw nigh that follow after mischief: they are far from thy law.
151 Thou art near, O LORD; and all thy commandments are truth.
152 Concerning thy testimonies, I have known of old that thou hast founded them for ever.
153 **Consider mine affliction, and deliver me:** for I do not forget thy law.
154 **Plead my cause, and deliver me: quicken me according to thy word.**

155 Salvation is far from the wicked: for they seek not thy statutes.
156 Great are thy tender mercies, O LORD: **quicken me according to thy judgments.**
157 Many are my persecutors and mine enemies; yet do I not decline from thy testimonies.
158 I beheld the transgressors, and was grieved; because they kept not thy word.
159 Consider how I love thy precepts: **quicken me, O LORD, according to thy lovingkindness.**
160 Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever.
161 Princes have persecuted me without a cause: but my heart standeth in awe of thy word.
162 I rejoice at thy word, as one that findeth great spoil.
163 I hate and abhor lying: but thy law do I love.
164 Seven times a day do I praise thee because of thy righteous judgments.
165 Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.
166 LORD, I have hoped for thy salvation, and done thy commandments.
167 My soul hath kept thy testimonies; and I love them exceedingly.
168 I have kept thy precepts and thy testimonies: for all my ways are before thee.
169 **Let my cry come near before thee, O LORD:** **give me understanding according to thy word.**
170 **Let my supplication come before thee: deliver me according to thy word.**
171 My lips shall utter praise, when thou hast taught me thy statutes.
172 My tongue shall speak of thy word: for all thy commandments are righteousness.
173 **Let thine hand help me;** for I have chosen thy precepts.
174 I have longed for thy salvation, O LORD; and thy law is my delight.
175 **Let my soul live,** and it shall praise thee; and let thy judgments help me.

Deal with me according to thy mercy.
Teach me thy statutes
Give me understanding

Look upon me. Be merciful to me.

Order my steps in thy word
Let not iniquity have dominion over me.
Deliver me from the oppression of man
Make thy face shine upon thy servant
Teach me thy statutes.

Give me understanding
Hear me
Save me

Hear my voice
Quicken me

Consider my affliction. Deliver me.
Plead my cause. Deliver me.
Quicken me.

Quicken me.

Quicken me.

Let my cry come near before thee
Give me understanding
Deliver me

Let thine hand help me

Let my soul live

176 I have gone astray like a lost sheep; **seek thy servant**; for I do not forget thy commandments. **Seek thy servant**

The benefits of meditation God's way (scripture memory).

Psalm 1:1-3 ¹ How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, Nor stand in the path of sinners, Nor sit in the seat of scoffers! ² **But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night.** ³ And he will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, Which yields its fruit in its season, And its leaf does not wither; And in whatever he does, he prospers.

Psalm 119:9-16 ⁹ How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to Thy word. ¹⁰ With all my heart I have sought Thee; Do not let me wander from Thy commandments. ¹¹ **Thy word I have treasured in my heart, That I may not sin against Thee.** ¹² Blessed art Thou, O LORD; Teach me Thy statutes. ¹³ With my lips I have told of All the ordinances of Thy mouth. ¹⁴ I have rejoiced in the way of Thy testimonies, As much as in all riches. ¹⁵ I will meditate on Thy precepts, And regard Thy ways. ¹⁶ I shall delight in Thy statutes; I shall not forget Thy word.

Psalm 119:48 And I shall lift up my hands to Thy commandments, Which I love; And I will **meditate on Thy statutes.**

Proverbs 4:20-22 ²⁰ My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings. ²¹ Do not let them depart from your sight; **Keep them in the midst of your heart.** ²² For they are life to those who find them, And health to all their whole body.

Proverbs 6:20 My son, observe the commandment of your father, And do not forsake the teaching of your mother; **21 Bind them continually on your heart;** Tie them around your neck. Proverbs When you walk about, they will guide you; When you sleep, they will watch over you; And when you awake, they will talk to you. ²³ For the commandment is a lamp, and the teaching is light; And reproofs for discipline are the way of life,

Proverbs 7:1-3 ¹ My son, keep my words, And **treasure my commandments within you.** ² Keep my commandments and live, And my teaching as the apple of your eye. ³ Bind them on your fingers; **Write them on the tablet of your heart.**

*****[A prayer of encouragement for others using Ephesians 1]*****

I use this scripture in prayer, to help others realize who they are in Christ. Pray with them inserting their name in the blanks.

1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus:

2 Grace be to _____, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed _____ with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

4 According as he hath chosen _____ in him before the foundation of the world, that _____ should be holy and without blame before him in love:

5 Having predestinated _____ unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made _____ accepted in the beloved.

7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

8 Wherein he hath abounded toward _____ in all wisdom and prudence;

9 Having made known unto _____ the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:

10 That in the dispensation of the fullness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:

11 In whom also _____ has obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

12 That _____ should be to the praise of his glory, _____ first trusted in Christ.

13 In whom _____ also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

15 Wherefore I also, after I heard of _____ faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints,

16 Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers;

17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto _____ the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:

18 The eyes of _____ understanding being enlightened; that _____ may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

19 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to _____ who believes, according to the working of his mighty power,

20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,

21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:

22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,

23 Which is his body, the fullness of him that filleth all in all.

******[Praying specific needs using scripture.
How would you pray when someone says...?]****

“I am afraid” (Fear is not from God).

2 Timothy 1:7 **For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.**

Romans 8:15,16 ¹⁵ **For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear,** but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, “*Abba*, Father.” ¹⁶ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children.

Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

“I am so worried” (Who are you trusting in? Are you trusting in God?)

Matthew 6:25-27 ²⁵“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷ Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?

Luke 12:22-31 ²² Then Jesus said to his disciples: “**Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear.** ²³ Life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. ²⁴ Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! ²⁵ Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? ²⁶ Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest? ²⁷ “Consider how the lilies grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ²⁸ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! ²⁹ And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. ³⁰ For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹ But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

Philippians 4:6,7 ⁶ **Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.** ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

“I am so depressed” (trusting, thanking and praising God are good ways to lead us out of depression.

Psalm 42 (entire Psalm)

Psalm 42:11 **Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.**

Psalm 20:7 **Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.**

Psalm 9:9,10 ⁹ **The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.** ¹⁰ Those who know your name will

trust in you, for you, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you.

“I am have trouble wanting to read God’s Word” (Have them ask God to make His Word their delight)

Psalm 119:18 Open my eyes, that I may behold Wonderful things from Thy law.

Psalm 119:27 **Make me understand the way of Thy precepts,** So I will meditate on Thy wonders.

James 4:2 You lust and do not have; so you commit murder. And you are envious and cannot obtain; so you fight and quarrel. **You do not have because you do not ask.** 3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend it on your pleasures.

Psalm 119:16 **I shall delight in Thy statutes; I shall not forget Thy word.**

Psalm 119:24 **Thy testimonies also are my delight; They are my counselors.**

“I not sure God loves me” (Encourage and pray God’s Word)

God has chosen you. Even before the creation of the world.

Ephesians 1:4 For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.

God knew you even when you were in the womb.

Jeremiah 1:5 “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.”

Psalm 139:13 For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. 14 I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. 15 My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, 16 your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

You are an adopted child of God.

Ephesians 1:5 He predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with His pleasure and will—

God has so many precious thoughts toward you, you cannot count them.

Psalm 139:17 How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! 18 Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand. When I awake, I am still with you.

God knows even when a sparrow falls. You are worth more than a sparrow. Plus He even knows the hairs on your head.

Matthew 10:29 Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father. 30 And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. 31 So don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

God has great plans for you. A hope and a future for you.

Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Ephesians 1:11 In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, 12 in order that we, who were the first to hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory.

God loved us first. Even when we were sinners.

Romans 5:7,8 ⁷ Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

1 John 4:19 We love because he first loved us.

Nothing can separate you from His love.

Romans 8:35-39 ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶ As it is written: “For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.” ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

God gives us a rich inheritance.

God gives us great power.

Ephesians 1: 18-20 ¹⁸ I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, ²⁰ which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms,

God sends His angels to serve us.

Hebrews 1:14 Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?

God loves us so much He makes our bodies a Holy Temple and places His Holy Spirit to live inside of us.
1 Corinthians 3:16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

God has made us kings and priests.

Revelation 1:6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Revelation 5:10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

Jesus has prepared a mansion for you in heaven

John 14:2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

Abide in God's Word.

Abide means to live with. We are called to live in God's Word. To feed upon his Word daily.

John 14:16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that **he may abide with you for ever;**

John 15:4 **Abide in me,** and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

John 15:6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

Note promise of answered prayer when we abide

John 15:7 **If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.**

John 15:10 **If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.**

Through the law we see our sin. It is our schoolmaster to bring us to Christ. Our tutor.

Galatians 3:19-25 ¹⁹ Why the Law then? It was added because of transgressions, having been ordained through angels by the agency of a mediator, until the seed should come to whom the promise had been made. ²⁰ Now a mediator is not for one party only; whereas God is only one. ²¹ Is the Law then contrary to the promises of God? May it never be! For if a law had been given which was able to impart life, then righteousness would indeed have been based on law. ²² But the Scripture has shut up all men under sin, that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe. ²³ But before faith came, we were kept in custody under the law, being shut up to the faith which was later to be revealed. ²⁴ Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, that we may be justified by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.

The law shows us our sin

Romans 5:13 For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law.

Romans 4:15 Because the law worketh wrath: for where no law is, there is no transgression.

The secret to living in God's love

John 15:10 "If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments, and abide in His love.

Are you a looker or a doer?

James 1:21-25 ²¹ Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. ²² But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. ²³ For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: ²⁴ For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. ²⁵ But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

Romans 2:13 For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified.

Obedience is counted more valuable than sacrifice

1 Samuel 15:22 And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.

Promises to those who obey God's word.

We are in the immediate family of Christ.

Luke 8:21 And he answered and said unto them, My mother and my brethren are these which hear the word of God, and do it.

We are blessed.

Luke 11:28 But he said, Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.

Psalm 1:1 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. 2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

We are clean.

John 15:3 Now **ye are clean through the word** which I have spoken unto you.

Ephesians 5:26 That he might **sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,**

1 Timothy 4:5 For it is **sanctified by the word of God and prayer.**

Converts the soul/Makes wise the simple

Psalm 19:7 The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.

Protects our steps

Psalm 37:31 The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide.

Keeps us from sin

Psalm 119:92 Unless thy law had been my delights, I should then have perished in mine affliction.

Great peace to those who love the law

Psalm 119:165 Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.

Provides instruction to you.

Proverbs 6:23 For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life:

Live.

Proverbs 7:2 Keep my commandments, and live; and my law as the apple of thine eye.

Happiness

Proverbs 29:18 Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.

Our call to minister the Word.

We are called to teach the law to others.

Exodus 24:12 And the LORD said unto Moses, Come up to me into the mount, and be there: and I will give thee tables of stone, and a law, and commandments which I have written; that thou mayest teach them.

Acts 6:4 But we will give ourselves continually to **prayer, and to the ministry of the word.**

Acts 8:4 Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word.

Colossians 3:16 **Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another** in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

2 Timothy 4:2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

Hebrews 5:13,14 ¹³ For every one that useth milk is **unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.** ¹⁴ **But soild food belongs to those who are full of age, that is, those who by reason have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.**

James 1:22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

John 14:15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.

2 Chronicles 17:9 And they taught in Judah, and had the book of the law of the LORD with them, and went about throughout all the cities of Judah, and taught the people.

Warnings and consequences to those who do not obey or misuse the Word.

Do not despise God's word.

Numbers 15:31 Because he hath despised the word of the LORD, and hath broken his commandment, that soul shall utterly be cut off; his iniquity shall be upon him.

Prayers will not be heard

Proverbs 28:9 He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination.

Do not add to God's Word.

Deuteronomy 4:2 **Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you**, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.

Do not reject God's Word.

1 Samuel 15:23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. **Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD**, he hath also rejected thee from being king

That which God has given us will be removed — taken away.

1 Samuel 15:26 And Samuel said unto Saul, I will not return with thee: for thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD hath rejected thee from being king over Israel.

We will be destroyed

Hosea 4:6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

Jeremiah 12:17 But if they will not obey, I will utterly pluck up and destroy that nation, saith the LORD.

Jesus on the law.

Jesus came to fulfill the law

Matthew 5:17 Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

John 15:25 But this is to fulfill what is written in their Law: 'They hated me without reason.'

Jesus confirms all of the law

Matthew 5:18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

Jesus invents "Cliff Notes" on the law.

Matthew 22:35-40 ³⁷ Then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked him a question, tempting him, and saying, ³⁶ Master, which is the great commandment in the law? ³⁷ Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. ³⁸ This is the first and great commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Warning to "experts" of the law.

Luke 11:46 Jesus replied, "And you experts in the law, woe to you, because you load people down with burdens they can hardly carry, and you yourselves will not lift one finger to help them.

Luke 11:52 "Woe to you experts in the law, because you have taken away the key to knowledge. You yourselves have not entered, and you have hindered those who were entering."

Satan's tactics.

Satan will distract and lure us away from God's word.

Luke 8:12-13 ¹² Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. ¹³ They on the rock are they, which, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away.

Satan knows the Word and uses it wrongly to trick and deceive us.

Matthew 4:6 "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: "He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'"

How can we understand the word?

Know that it is God who gives all understanding

1 Samuel 3:7 Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, neither was **the word of the LORD yet revealed unto him.**

Proverbs 2:6 **For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.**

Luke 10:21 In that hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit, and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes: even so, Father; for so it seemed good in thy sight.

Isaiah 11:2 And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;

Isaiah 40:28 Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding.

Seek the word.

1 Peter 2:2 As newborn babes, **desire the sincere milk of the word**, that ye may grow thereby:

Psalms 119:27 **Let me understand the teaching of your precepts; then I will meditate on your wonders.**

Psalms 119:125 I am your servant; **give me discernment that I may understand your statutes.**

Psalms 86:11 **Teach me thy way**, O LORD; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name.

Psalms 119:12 Blessed art thou, O LORD: **teach me thy statutes.**

Psalms 119:26 I have declared my ways, and thou heardest me: **teach me thy statutes.**

Psalms 119:33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end.

Psalms 119:64 The earth, O LORD, is full of thy mercy: **teach me thy statutes.**

Psalms 119:66 **Teach me good judgment and knowledge:** for I have believed thy commandments.

Psalms 119:68 Thou art good, and doest good; **teach me thy statutes.**

Psalms 119:108 Accept, I beseech thee, the freewill offerings of my mouth, O LORD, **and teach me thy judgments.**

Psalms 119:124 Deal with thy servant according unto thy mercy, and **teach me thy statutes.**

Psalms 119:135 Make thy face to shine upon thy servant; and **teach me thy statutes.**

Psalms 119:99 I have more understanding than all my teachers: for thy testimonies are my meditation.

Obey His word.

Psalms 111:10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever.

John 17:5-8 ⁵ And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began. ⁶ "I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. ⁸ For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me.

Listen to the Holy Spirit.

Romans 8:27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

Being Spirit led

When Jesus left His disciples, He promised to leave them a helper (The Holy Spirit). Jesus even said it would be better for Him to leave us, so the Spirit could come and be with us.

John 14:16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; 17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. 18 I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

John 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

John 16:7-14 ⁷ Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. ⁸ And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: ⁹ Of sin, because they believe not on me; ¹⁰ Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; ¹¹ Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged. ¹² I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. ¹³ Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. ¹⁴ He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

Romans 8:5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.

Romans 8:26,27 ²⁶ Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. ²⁷ And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

1 Corinthians 2:10-12 ¹⁰ But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. ¹¹ For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

1 Corinthians 3:16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

Ephesians 1:17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:

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