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# 8 GOD'S WORD

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Review the following verses, and check them off after quoting them correctly from memory.

- 1 John 5:11-12     1 Corinthians 10:13     John 16:24     1 John 1:9  
 Proverbs 3:5-6     Matthew 6:33     Philippians 4:13

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## MEMORIZE PSALM 119:9, 11

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### *God's Word*

How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to Your word...I have hidden Your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

Psalm 119:9, 11

By having the Scriptures in our heart we can experience victory over sin, and can please God in all areas of life.

As the Apostle Paul said farewell to believers from Ephesus, he committed them to God's care and reminded them that God's word "can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified" (Acts 20:32). The Scriptures give us food for spiritual maturity, and prepare us for our eternity with God.

Not having a regular intake of Scripture will stunt our spiritual growth as surely as improper nourishment harms a child. "Like newborn babes," the Apostle Peter wrote, "crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salva-tion" (1 Peter 2:2).

As you memorize Psalm 119:9, 11, meditate on the ways God's word can build you up, and look for evidence in your life of how he is doing this.

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## EXPLORING PSALM 119:9, 11

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How can you live a pure life?

What will keep you from sin?

## **"HOW CAN A YOUNG MAN KEEP HIS WAY PURE?"**

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1. Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17. What will the Scriptures do in your life?

*2 Timothy 3:16-17 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; 17 so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.*

What will be the end result of what Scripture does in your life?

2. Read Psalm 1:1-3. Whose counsel should you avoid?

*Psalms 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 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.*

What attitude should you have toward God's word?

How will your life be influenced by God's word?

## **"BY LIVING ACCORDING TO YOUR WORD"**

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3. What does Joshua 1:8 teach us to do to live according to God's word?

*Joshua 1:8 "This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success.*

4. What did the psalmist ask God in Psalm 119:18?

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

5. According to verse 93, what had God's precepts done for the writer of Psalm 119?

Psalms 119:93 I will never forget Your precepts, For by them You have revived me. "

**"I HAVE HIDDEN YOUR WORD IN MY HEART"**

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6. Read Psalm 19:7-8 and fill in the chart below.

Psalms 19:7-8 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.

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7. Read Matthew 4:4. Write in your own words what Jesus said about God's word.

Matthew 4:4 But He answered and said, "It is written, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD.'"

8. How can you apply Colossians 3:16?

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

9. Read Deuteronomy 6:6-7. What did Moses tell the people to do with God's word?

Deuteronomy 6:6-7 "These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. 7 "You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up.

What is a practical way you can talk about Scripture with others?

### **"THAT I MIGHT NOT SIN AGAINST YOU"**

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10. What is the word of God able to do in your heart, according to Hebrews 4:12?

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

11. What results of abiding in God's word are mentioned in John 8:31-32?

John 8:31-32 So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, "If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."

12. Read James 1:22-25. Describe the person who forgets what he sees in God's word.

James 1:22-25 But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves. 23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror; 24 for once he has looked at himself and gone away, he has immediately forgotten what kind of person he was. 25 But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the law of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man will be blessed in what he does.

How did James say we should respond to the word of God?

**WRITE OUT PSALM 119:9,11 FROM MEMORY.**

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**APPLYING PSALM 119:9,11**

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Select one of the verses you have already memorized which you need to apply this week. Now write a prayer request based on this need.

Take a moment to pray and ask God to help you carry out your application of Scripture.