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## God's Word

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### **Memorization Verse: Psalm 119:9-11**

**“Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed *thereto* according to Thy word. With my whole heart have I sought Thee: O let me not wander from Thy commandments. Thy Word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against Thee.”**

As Christians, it is important to our spiritual growth that we maintain a regular intake of Scripture as it is imperative that we receive daily nourishment in order to live and grow physically. 1 Peter 2:2 states, “Like newborn babes, long for the pure milk of the word, that by it you may grow in respect to salvation.”[NAS] We are instructed to “put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil” (Eph. 6:11) and certainly an important part of that “armor” is “taking the sword of the Spirit”, which is the word of God”(Eph. 6:17). The Word dwelling in the believer is necessary in order to witness to the lost: “Be ready always to give an answer to every man that asks you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear”(1 Peter 3:15). It is essential with regard to prayer as indicated in 1 John 5:14-15, “And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask any thing according to His will, He hears us: And if we know that He hears us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him”. Truly, if we are to pray rightly, then our prayers must be in accordance with God's revealed will – His Word. As you explore this study on God's Word, prayerfully consider each verse reference and ask the Lord to give you understanding in its application. “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works”(2 Timothy 3:16-17).

### **EXPLORING PSALM 119:9-11**

What is the means by which God enables us to live a pure life?

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With what intensity must we seek God's commands? (v.10)

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How must God's Word be applied to our life if we are to avoid sin?

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

1. According to 2 Timothy 3:16-17, what is Scripture useful for? Who is the author?

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2. How does Scripture equip you for daily living? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. According to Psalm 1:1-3, whose counsel should you avoid?  
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What should your attitude be towards God's Word?  
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How will your life be influenced by God's Word?  
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**“BY LIVING ACCORDING TO YOUR WORD”**

4. What does Joshua 1:8 instruct us to do to live according to God's Word?  
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5. What did the Psalmist request of the Lord in Psalm 119:18?  
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6. Comment in your own words your reaction to the Psalmist's intensity with regard to the Word of God in Psalm 119:20.  
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7. According to Psalm 119:93, what was the Psalmist's reaction to God's precepts?  
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8. What do you observe that every verse of Psalm 119 has in common?  
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**“I HAVE HIDDEN YOUR WORD IN MY HEART”**

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

Verse	What God's Word Is	What His Word Does
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10. Read Matthew 4:4 and state in your own words what Jesus said about God's Word.

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11. Read Colossians 3:16. What does it mean to “let the word of Christ dwell in you richly? (See also Ephesians 5:18 and compare both passages)

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12. What are the benefits of applying Jeremiah 15:16?

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

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What do these verses say about what you should do?

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**“THAT I MIGHT NOT SIN AGAINST YOU”**

14. What is the Word able to do in your heart according to Hebrews 4:12?

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15. According to John 8:31-32, what are the results of “continuing” in God's Word?

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16. Read James 1:22-25. Describe the consequences of the one who reads the Word but then does not do it.

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How should we respond to the Word according to these verses?

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**Closing Scripture Reading:**

“Surely you can see that faith was at work in his actions, and that by these actions the integrity of his faith was fully proved.” – James 2:22 (New English Bible)

“Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips; I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food.” – Job 23:12

“More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.” – Psalm 19:10

“The law of thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver.” – Psalm 119:72

“O how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day.” – Psalm 119:97

“I have refrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep thy word.” – Psalm 119:101

“I have not departed from thy judgments: for thou hast taught me.” – Psalm 119:102

How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!” – Psalm 119:103

Thy testimonies have I taken as a heritage for ever: for they are the rejoicing of my heart.” – Psalm 119:111



Prayer:

Thou Living Word, our highest earthly enjoyments are but a shadow in comparison to the joy that floods our hearts when we ponder Thy incomparable Word!