

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. Psalm 119:9-11

Guard and Guide

Would you like me to guard and protect your life? Yes, I certainly would. **What if my protection cost you something, would you be willing to pay the price? What if my protection required your effort to participate in it, would you join in?** I'm not sure that I understand. **Very well, I would be happy to explain it to you. If you want me to guard and protect your life you will need to make use of the protection that I will freely give to you.** I thought you said this would cost me something. **I did and it will. Up to this point you have left my word sitting on your coffee table, in the back seat of the car, and even in your hand. It has been everywhere but where it needs to be. Where is that?**

I want you to think of my word as being more valuable than silver or gold. I do. **Oh really, I don't think so.** Why do you say that? **Think of your heart and mind as if it were a bank account. In times of great need, how much of my word is in your heart and mind account to draw on?** I'm not sure what you mean. **Let's say that you are under a lot of pressure and you're about to explode with anger and say something you will really regret.** I've done that. **How much?** A lot, I guess. **Do you want to be able to be free of that behavior?** Yes, I do. **What from my word is in your heart that speaks out against angry outbursts?** Nothing, I suppose. **There is your problem.**

Think of my word as a sword that will fight in you, with you and for you. It will win the battles in your heart and mind and help you to stand against evil in the world. Let's say that you are having a battle with lust. I have and I do. **I know. I've seen how defeated and discouraged you have been over this. I want you to be set free. Two things need to happen. What's that? You need to remove all sources of temptation and take hold of my word. In the battle against lust, my word is the sword that the Holy Spirit will use to fight in, with, and for you. So, how much of a sword have you placed in His hand?** Not much, I guess. **There is your problem.**

Think of my word as food that you can store up to feed on and be nourished by. If you feast on my word, you will be strong and able to follow me as you withstand the temptations of this life. Are you hungry for my word? Yes, I am. **Then feed on it. Store it up in your heart. Let my word be a sword in your hand. It is my word that will guard, guide, and protect your life.**

Lord, thank you for transforming my mind and guarding my heart with your word. You have given me new thoughts to think and feelings to feel. I delight to seek you with all my heart. Guard my life with your word as I follow you. Amen

God's Word *Living According To Your Word*

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.

NIV Psalm 119:9-11

God's Word *Obedying Your Word*

How can a young person stay pure? By obeying your word. I have tried hard to find you— don't let me wander from your commands. I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

NLT Psalm 119:9-11

God's Word *Guarding It According To Your Word*

How can young people keep their way pure? By guarding it according to your word. With my whole heart I seek you; do not let me stray from your commandments. I treasure your word in my heart, so that I may not sin against you.

NRSV Psalm 119:9-11

God's Word *Keeping Watch According To Your Word*

How shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed and keeping watch [on himself] according to Your word [conforming his life to it]. With my whole heart have I sought You, inquiring for and of You and yearning for You; Oh, let me not wander or step aside [either in ignorance or willfully] from Your commandments. Your word have I laid up in my heart, that I might not sin against You.

AMP Psalm 119:9-11

God's Word *Keeping It According To Your Word*

How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to Your word. With all my heart I have sought You; Do not let me wander from Your commandments. Your word I have treasured in my heart, That I may not sin against You.

NASB Psalm 119:9-11

God's Word *Guarding It According To Your Word*

How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word. With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments! I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

ESV Psalm 119:9-11

God's Word *Taking Heed According To Your Word*

How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word. With my whole heart I have sought You; Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments! Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You!

NKJV Psalm 119:9-11

God's Word *Carefully Reading The Map Of Your Word*

How can a young person live a clean life? By carefully reading the map of your Word. I'm single-minded in pursuit of you; don't let me miss the road signs you've posted. I've banked your promises in the vault of my heart so I won't sin myself bankrupt.

MSG Psalm 119:9-11

God's Word *Reading Your Word And Following Its Rules*

How can a young man stay pure? By reading your Word and following its rules. I have tried my best to find you—don't let me wander off from your instructions. I have thought much about your words and stored them in my heart so that they would hold me back from sin.

TLB Psalm 119:9-11

God's Word *Obedying Your Word*

How can a young person live a pure life? By obeying your word. With all my heart I try to obey you. Don't let me break your commands. I have taken your words to heart so I would not sin against you.

NCV Psalm 119:9-11

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you allow God's word to transform your mind and guard your heart as you live your life for Him.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, guard my heart and transform my mind by your word as I love, follow and serve you today.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, what from your word can I hide in my heart today?
