

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.

Psalm 119:9-16 (NIV)

Hidden

That is what I have been doing with your word. **What have you been doing with my word?** I have hidden your word in my heart. **How have you hidden my word in your heart?** I have let your word dwell in me richly. I have read your word. I have meditated on your word. I have memorized your word. I have studied your word. I have prayed your word. I have even taught your word. Most importantly, I have taken hold of your word so that your word will take hold of me. **That is very good.**

How do you want my word to take hold of you? I want your word to change my heart, transform my mind and guide my life. I want your word to help me to think your thoughts, speak your words and do your deeds. I want your word to help me to know you. I want your word to help me to live a life that is pleasing to you. I want your word to help me resist temptation and stand against evil. I want your word to help me to bear fruit for your kingdom and bring glory to your name. **That is very good.**

How often do you feel a need to take hold of my word so my word will take hold of you? There is not a day that goes by that I don't need to take hold of your word. Likewise, I need your word to take hold of me every day. **So, what does that mean to you?** That means that I will come to meet with you every day in your word. **That is very good.**

What has wanting to meet with me every day in my word required of you? I have needed to set apart a time and a place to meet with you. **Why is that? That seems so formal. Wouldn't it work to meet with me when a time and place opens up in your daily schedule?** We both know the answer to that question. **Yes, but I would still like to hear your answer.** That approach never works. Time never opens up on my schedule. A quiet place never makes itself available to us either. A pattern and practice of meeting with you in your word will never randomly develop. Life is busy. Life is noisy. Life is chaotic. No, meeting daily with you in your word will not happen consistently if I don't set an appointment with you. So, meeting with you in your word is on my every day schedule. So, a special time and sacred place has been set aside for us to meet together. **That is very good. As meet together, my word will accomplish in and through all that you could hope for and far more than you could ever imagine.** Thank you, Lord.

Lord, I will hide your word in my heart. I will memorize and meditate on your word. Use your word to change my heart and transform my mind. Use your word to help me resist temptation and stand against evil. I will allow you to use your word to guide my life. Amen

Becoming Like Christ *Hidden Your Word*

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NIV Psalm 119:9-16

Becoming Like Christ *Hidden 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. I praise you, O LORD; teach me your decrees. I have recited aloud all the regulations you have given us. I have rejoiced in your laws as much as in riches. I will study your commandments and reflect on your ways. I will delight in your decrees and not forget your word.

NLT Psalm 119:9-16

Becoming Like Christ *Treasure 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. Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me your statutes. With my lips I declare all the ordinances of your mouth. I delight in the way of your decrees as much as in all riches. I will meditate on your precepts, and fix my eyes on your ways. I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.

NRSV Psalm 119:9-16

Becoming Like Christ *Your Word Have I Laid Up*

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. Blessed are You, O Lord; teach me Your statutes. With my lips have I declared and recounted all the ordinances of Your mouth. I have rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies as much as in all riches. I will meditate on Your precepts and have respect to Your ways [the paths of life marked out by Your law]. I will delight myself in Your statutes; I will not forget Your word.

AMP Psalm 119:9-16

Becoming Like Christ *Your Word I Have Treasured*

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. Blessed are You, O LORD; Teach me Your statutes. With my lips I have told of All the ordinances of Your mouth. I have rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies, As much as in all riches. I will meditate on Your precepts And regard Your ways. I shall delight in Your statutes; I shall not forget Your word.

NASB Psalm 119:9-16

Becoming Like Christ *Stored Up 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. Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me your statutes! With my lips I declare all the rules of your mouth. In the way of your testimonies I delight as much as in all riches. I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways. I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.

ESV Psalm 119:9-16

Becoming Like Christ *Your Word I Have Hidden*

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! Blessed are You, O LORD! Teach me Your statutes! With my lips I have declared All the judgments of Your mouth. I have rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies, As much as in all riches. I will meditate on Your precepts, And contemplate Your ways. I will delight myself in Your statutes; I will not forget Your word.

NKJV Psalm 119:9-16

Becoming Like Christ *Banked Your Promises*

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. Be blessed, GOD; train me in your ways of wise living. I'll transfer to my lips all the counsel that comes from your mouth; I delight far more in what you tell me about living than in gathering a pile of riches. I ponder every morsel of wisdom from you, I attentively watch how you've done it. I relish everything you've told me of life, I won't forget a word of it.

MSG Psalm 119:9-16

Becoming Like Christ *Thought Much About Your Words*

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. Blessed Lord, teach me your rules. I have recited your laws and rejoiced in them more than in riches. I will meditate upon them and give them my full respect. I will delight in them and not forget them.

TLB Psalm 119:9-16

Becoming Like Christ *Taken Your Words*

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. LORD, you should be praised. Teach me your demands. My lips will tell about all the laws you have spoken. I enjoy living by your rules as people enjoy great riches. I think about your orders and study your ways. I enjoy obeying your demands, and I will not forget your word.

NCV Psalm 119:9-16

Hidden Your Word

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Becoming Like Christ – Psalm 119:9-16

In Context: Read Psalm 119

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God’s Word: (What is God speaking to your heart?)

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Considering The Words: (What words speak to your heart?)

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Praying The Scripture: (What prayer from your heart will you write?)

Lord, I will hide your word in my heart. I will memorize and meditate on your word. Use your word to change my heart and transform my mind. Use your word to help me resist temptation and stand against evil. I will allow you to use your word to guide my life. Amen

What It Means: (What questions speak to your heart?) *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

How are you allowing God’s word to guide the way you live your life?

What strategies are you using to hide God’s word in your heart?

How has God’s word kept you from straying away from Him?

How has God used His word to change your heart and transform your mind?

How has God’s word made you able to stand against temptation and resist evil?

How has God’s word changed the way you think, speak and act?

Why is God’s word more valuable to you than any of the riches of this life?

Living It Out: (What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)

Meditate and memorize God’s word so that it will be hidden in your heart.

Seeing It Happen: (What are you trusting God for in your heart?)

Have faith that the Lord will use His word to help you to resist temptation and stand against evil.

Get Ready To Share: (What can you share with others from your heart?)

Share with another person or your small group how God’s word has been guarding and guiding your life.

Close With Prayer: Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

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 hide God's word in your heart so you will not sin against Him.

Prayer To Carry

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

Lord, I will hide your word in my heart so I will not sin against you.

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 should I hide in my heart today?
