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Your Words

Your words are sweet to me. It is my delight to hear from you. **Why is that?** Your words are powerfully effective in my life. **How so?** Your words have helped me to come to know you. As I come to know you, I have come to love you. As I have come to love you; I have come to obey you. As I have come to obey you; I have come to serve you. As I have come to know, love, obey and serve you; I have started to become like you. **In what way?** You have allowed me to think your thoughts, speak your words and do your deeds. In other words, your word has begun to form the thoughts of my mind, words of my mouth and the deeds of my life as I have taken it deeply into my heart and mind. **That is true. My word has been doing all of these things in you. It is wise of you to be able to recognize what my word has been, is doing and will continue to do in you.** I am only wise because of what your word has taught me. I am only wise because you have made me able to hear your voice. You have helped me to both hear and obey you. You have made me able to follow and serve you. Your word has made it my joy to live my life with and for you. Your word has guarded and guided me on the path of life as I have loved, followed and served you. **That is very good.**

There is something that you have not said to me. I want to go deeper with you. I want to know and love and obey and serve you more completely. I want to live my life more fully with and for you. **That is a very good desire within you. How will your desire be fulfilled?** You're asking me? **Yes, I am asking you.** Can you point me in the right direction? **Yes, the direction is pointing to me. Let me ask you a question?** I'd like that. **What would happen to you if you listened more attentively to me? What would happen to you if you took my word more deeply into your heart and mind and life? What would happen to you if you meditated on my word throughout your day.** Every desire of mine to go deeper with you would be fulfilled. **Yes, that is true.** That is what I will do. **That will be very good.**

Lord, I will listen attentively to all that you have to say to me. I will joyfully take your word deeply into my heart and mind and life. I will meditate on your word throughout my day. Teach and train, guard and guide me as I love, follow and obey your word. Amen

Becoming Like Christ *Love Your Law*

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NIV Psalm 119:97-104

Becoming Like Christ *Love Your Instructions*

Oh, how I love your instructions! I think about them all day long. Your commands make me wiser than my enemies, for they are my constant guide. Yes, I have more insight than my teachers, for I am always thinking of your laws. I am even wiser than my elders, for I have kept your commandments. I have refused to walk on any evil path, so that I may remain obedient to your word. I haven't turned away from your regulations, for you have taught me well. How sweet your words taste to me; they are sweeter than honey. Your commandments give me understanding; no wonder I hate every false way of life.

NLT Psalm 119:97-104

Becoming Like Christ *Love Your Law*

Oh, how I love your law! It is my meditation all day long. Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is always with me. I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your decrees are my meditation. I understand more than the aged, for I keep your precepts. I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep your word. I do not turn away from your ordinances, for you have taught me. How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.

NRSV Psalm 119:97-104

Becoming Like Christ *Love I Your Law*

Oh, how love I Your law! It is my meditation all the day. You, through Your commandments, make me wiser than my enemies, for [Your words] are ever before me. I have better understanding *and* deeper insight than all my teachers, because Your testimonies are my meditation. I understand more than the aged, because I keep Your precepts [hearing, receiving, loving, and obeying them]. I have restrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep Your word [hearing, receiving, loving, and obeying it]. I have not turned aside from Your ordinances, for You Yourself have taught me. How sweet are Your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Through Your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.

AMP Psalm 119:97-104

Becoming Like Christ *Love Your Law*

O how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day. Your commandments make me wiser than my enemies, For they are ever mine. I have more insight than all my teachers, For Your testimonies are my meditation. I understand more than the aged, Because I have observed Your precepts. I have restrained my feet from every evil way, That I may keep Your word. I have not turned aside from Your ordinances, For You Yourself have taught me. How sweet are Your words to my taste! Yes, *sweeter* than honey to my mouth! From Your precepts I get understanding; Therefore I hate every false way.

NASB Psalm 119:97-104

Becoming Like Christ *Love Your Law*

Oh how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day. Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is ever with me. I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your testimonies are my meditation. I understand more than the aged, for I keep your precepts. I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep your word. I do not turn aside from your rules, for you have taught me. How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.

ESV Psalm 119:97-104

Becoming Like Christ *Love Your Law*

Oh, how I love Your law! It *is* my meditation all the day. You, through Your commandments, make me wiser than my enemies; For they *are* ever with me. I have more understanding than all my teachers, For Your testimonies *are* my meditation. I understand more than the ancients, Because I keep Your precepts. I have restrained my feet from every evil way, That I may keep Your word. I have not departed from Your judgments, For You Yourself have taught me. How sweet are Your words to my taste, *Sweeter* than honey to my mouth! Through Your precepts I get understanding; Therefore I hate every false way.

NKJV Psalm 119:97-104

Becoming Like Christ *Love All You've Revealed*

Oh, how I love all you've revealed; I reverently ponder it all the day long. Your commands give me an edge on my enemies; they never become obsolete. I've even become smarter than my teachers since I've pondered and absorbed your counsel. I've become wiser than the wise old sages simply by doing what you tell me. I watch my step, avoiding the ditches and ruts of evil so I can spend all my time keeping your Word. I never make detours from the route you laid out; you gave me such good directions. Your words are so choice, so tasty; I prefer them to the best home cooking. With your instruction, I understand life; that's why I hate false propaganda.

MSG Psalm 119:97-104

Becoming Like Christ *I Love Them*

Oh, how I love them. I think about them all day long. They make me wiser than my enemies because they are my constant guide. Yes, wiser than my teachers, for I am ever thinking of your rules. They make me even wiser than the aged. I have refused to walk the paths of evil, for I will remain obedient to your Word. No, I haven't turned away from what you taught me; your words are sweeter than honey. And since only your rules can give me wisdom and understanding, no wonder I hate every false teaching.

TLB Psalm 119:97-104

Becoming Like Christ *Love Your Teachings*

How I love your teachings! I think about them all day long. Your commands make me wiser than my enemies, because they are mine forever. I am wiser than all my teachers, because I think about your rules. I have more understanding than the older leaders, because I follow your orders. I have avoided every evil way so I could obey your word. I haven't walked away from your laws, because you yourself are my teacher. Your promises are sweet to me, sweeter than honey in my mouth! Your orders give me understanding, so I hate lying ways.

NCV Psalm 119:97-104

Love Your Law

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Becoming Like Christ – Psalm 119:97-104

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 listen attentively to all that you have to say to me. I will joyfully take your word deeply into my heart and mind and life. I will meditate on your word throughout my day. Teach and train, guard and guide me as I love, follow and obey your word. Amen

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

How are you making it your practice to meditate on God's word throughout your day?

What have you been taught as you have meditated on God's word?

How are you being changed as you meditate on God's word throughout your day?

How has meditating on God's word made you wiser than your enemies?

How has meditating on God's word kept you from walking on an evil path?

How are you being very careful to obey what you have learned from God's Word?

Why will you not receive the full benefit of God's word unless you take into your heart, mind and life?

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

Make it your regular and consistent practice to meditate on God's word throughout your day.

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

Have faith that your life will be blessed as you take God's word deeply into your heart, and mind and life.

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

Share with another person or your small group how you are taking God's word deeply into your heart, mind, and 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 love all that the Lord has to say to you.

Prayer To Carry

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

Lord, I love every word that you have to say to me.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how can I attentively listen to you today?
