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## **Your Word**

**What has my word revealed to you?** How can I answer that question? **Does that seem like a difficult question to you?** No, it is not a difficult question. It is a question that has an almost unlimited amount of answers. Your word has done so much for me. **Good, then you will have no difficulty in beginning to answer my question. I know that you cannot completely answer my question.** Let me start by saying that I love your word. It is my joy and delight to hear from you. I am so thankful that you speak to me through your word. Your word has richly blessed my life. Being able to hear your instructions and follow your guidance has made me feel like I have struck it rich. Living by your counsel is guarding my life. Your word has made it so I will not stumble around in the darkness of this world. Your word has made me able to know and live by the truth. The entire course of my life is being guided by your word. How am I doing? Am I answering your question well, so far? **Yes, you are doing very well, keep going.** Yes, I feel like I have only begun. Your word is changing my heart. Your word is transforming my mind. Your word is forming all my thoughts, words and actions. Your word is making me able to stand against temptation and resist evil. Most importantly, your word has made me able to know and love and follow and serve you. Your word has shown me that you are both my Savior and Lord. Your word has shown me that I am your child. I have been adopted in your family. You have made me to be your own. There was a celebration in heaven on the day I turned my life over to you. I can keep going. **That's good.** Hearing your word, has strengthened my faith. Your word is guiding my prayers. Your word has made me able to bear fruit for your kingdom and bring glory to your name. Your word has helped me to shine brightly for you in the darkness of this world. Your word has filled my heart with thanksgiving and praise to you. **Yes, my word has done all these things and many more for you. Keep on meeting with me in my word.** Yes Lord, I will. **That will be very good.**

*Lord, thank you for your word. I love to hear you speaking to me. Your word has been guarding and guiding the entire course of my life. I will receive your instruction and follow your direction as I abide by your counsel. Thank you for all your goodness to me. Amen*

**Becoming Like Christ** *I Love Your Law*

Rulers persecute me without cause, but my heart trembles at your word. I rejoice in your promise like one who finds great spoil. I hate and abhor falsehood but I love your law. Seven times a day I praise you for your righteous laws. Great peace have they who love your law, and nothing can make them stumble. I wait for your salvation, O LORD, and I follow your commands. I obey your statutes, for I love them greatly. I obey your precepts and your statutes, for all my ways are known to you.

NIV Psalm 119:161-168

**Becoming Like Christ** *I Love Your Instructions*

Powerful people harass me without cause, but my heart trembles only at your word. I rejoice in your word like one who discovers a great treasure. I hate and abhor falsehood, but I love your instructions. I will praise you seven times a day because all your regulations are just. Those who love your instructions have great peace and do not stumble. I long for your rescue, LORD, so I have obeyed your commands. I have obeyed your laws, for I love them very much. Yes, I obey your commandments and laws because you know everything I do.

NLT Psalm 119:161-168

**Becoming Like Christ** *I Love Your Law*

Princes persecute me without cause, but my heart stands in awe of your words. I rejoice at your word like one who finds great spoil. I hate and abhor falsehood, but I love your law. Seven times a day I praise you for your righteous ordinances. Great peace have those who love your law; nothing can make them stumble. I hope for your salvation, O LORD, and I fulfill your commandments. My soul keeps your decrees; I love them exceedingly. I keep your precepts and decrees, for all my ways are before you.

NRSV Psalm 119:161-168

**Becoming Like Christ** *Your Law Do I Love*

Princes pursue *and* persecute me without cause, but my heart stands in awe of Your words [dreading violation of them far more than the force of prince or potentate]. I rejoice at Your word as one who finds great spoil. I hate and abhor falsehood, but Your law do I love. Seven times a day *and* all day long do I praise You because of Your righteous decrees. Great peace have they who love Your law; nothing shall offend them or make them stumble. I am hoping *and* waiting [eagerly] for Your salvation, O Lord, and I do Your commandments. Your testimonies have I kept [hearing, receiving, loving, and obeying them]; I love them exceedingly! I have observed Your precepts *and* Your testimonies, for all my ways are [fully known] before You.

AMP Psalm 119:161-168

**Becoming Like Christ** *I Love Your Law*

Princes persecute me without cause, But my heart stands in awe of Your words. I rejoice at Your word, As one who finds great spoil. I hate and despise falsehood, *But* I love Your law. Seven times a day I praise You, Because of Your righteous ordinances. Those who love Your law have great peace, And nothing causes them to stumble. I hope for Your salvation, O LORD, And do Your commandments. My soul keeps Your testimonies, And I love them exceedingly. I keep Your precepts and Your testimonies, For all my ways are before You.

NASB Psalm 119:161-168

**Becoming Like Christ** *I Love Your Law*

Princes persecute me without cause, but my heart stands in awe of your words. I rejoice at your word like one who finds great spoil. I hate and abhor falsehood, but I love your law. Seven times a day I praise you for your righteous rules. Great peace have those who love your law; nothing can make them stumble. I hope for your salvation, O LORD, and I do your commandments. My soul keeps your testimonies; I love them exceedingly. I keep your precepts and testimonies, for all my ways are before you.

ESV Psalm 119:161-168

**Becoming Like Christ** *I Love Your Law*

Princes persecute me without a cause, But my heart stands in awe of Your word. I rejoice at Your word As one who finds great treasure. I hate and abhor lying, *But* I love Your law. Seven times a day I praise You, Because of Your righteous judgments. Great peace have those who love Your law, And nothing causes them to stumble. LORD, I hope for Your salvation, And I do Your commandments. My soul keeps Your testimonies, And I love them exceedingly. I keep Your precepts and Your testimonies, For all my ways *are* before You.

NKJV Psalm 119:161-168

**Becoming Like Christ** *I Love What You Have Revealed*

I've been slandered unmercifully by the politicians, but my awe at your words keeps me stable. I'm ecstatic over what you say, like one who strikes it rich. I hate lies—can't stand them!— but I love what you have revealed. Seven times each day I stop and shout praises for the way you keep everything running right. For those who love what you reveal, everything fits— no stumbling around in the dark for them. I wait expectantly for your salvation; GOD, I do what you tell me. My soul guards and keeps all your instructions— oh, how much I love them! I follow your directions, abide by your counsel; my life's an open book before you.

MSG Psalm 119:161-168

**Becoming Like Christ** *I Love Your Laws*

Great men have persecuted me, though they have no reason to, but I stand in awe of only your words. I rejoice in your laws like one who finds a great treasure. How I hate all falsehood, but how I love your laws. I will praise you seven times a day because of your wonderful laws. Those who love your laws have great peace of heart and mind and do not stumble. I long for your salvation, Lord, and so I have obeyed your laws. I have looked for your commandments, and I love them very much; yes, I have searched for them. You know this because everything I do is known to you. Psalm 119:161-168 (TLB)

TLB Psalm 119:161-168

**Becoming Like Christ** *I Love Your Teachings*

Leaders attack me for no reason, but I fear your law in my heart. I am as happy over your promises as if I had found a great treasure. I hate and despise lies, but I love your teachings. Seven times a day I praise you for your fair laws. Those who love your teachings will find true peace, and nothing will defeat them. I am waiting for you to save me, LORD. I will obey your commands. I obey your rules, and I love them very much. I obey your orders and rules, because you know everything I do.

NCV Psalm 119:161-168

**I Love What You Have Revealed** Year \_\_\_\_\_ Week \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Becoming Like Christ** – Psalm 119:161-168

**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, thank you for your word. I love to hear you speaking to me. Your word has been guarding and guiding the entire course of my life. I will receive your instruction and follow your direction as I abide by your counsel. Thank you for all your goodness to me. Amen

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

How has relying on God's word brought stability into your life?

**How does taking God's word into your heart and mind make you feel like you have struck it rich?**

When do you stop to take time to praise God for all that He has done?

**What do you love most about what God has revealed to you from His word?**

How is following God's directions guiding the course of your life?

**How has God's word kept you from stumbling around in the darkness of this world?**

How is your soul being kept and guarded by God's word as you abide by His counsel?

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

Allow God's word to guard and guide the course of your life.

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

Have faith that God's word will guard and guide the course of your life as you abide by His counsel.

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

Share with another person or your small group how you are relying on God's word to guard and guide you.

**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?**

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**What Prayers Are You Praying Today?**

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**Prayer Of Blessing**

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

*May you allow God's word to guard and guide your life as you abide by His counsel.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

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

*Lord, I will allow your word to guard and guide my life as I abide by your counsel.*

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**What Do You Want To Remember About Today?**

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**A Question To Ask God**

*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)*

*Lord, how will you use your word to guard and guide my life as I abide by your counsel?*

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