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On Course

What will keep you on course? What will prevent you from wandering away from me? What will keep you from drifting along in your faith? What will prevent your heart from becoming become dull and stupid? What will give you good judgement and sound knowledge? What will strengthen you against any evil that will come against you? What will help you to come to know of my kindness and mercy and love? How will you be able to taste of my goodness? What will do all these things for you? You have asked me many questions, all of which have the same answer. **Let me hear your answer.** It is your word that will show me all the good things you have done for me. It is your word that will help me to come to know and love and follow and serve you. Nothing is more valuable to me than your word. From your word, I will hear and receive your very good and great promises. It is your word that will keep my faith in you vibrant and alive. Your word will guard and guide me. Your word will protect me from any evil that this world will try to throw at me. No twist or turn or up or down in life will divert me. Your word will keep me on course. I will not wander away from you, as I continue to meet with you in your word. Never will my heart become dull and stupid as I hear and receive all you have to say to me from your word. I will closely follow your word. I will listen very carefully to you. I will follow and obey your word with all that is within. My heart and mind and life will be focused on you and your word. I will live my entire life according to your word. All the trials of life will only serve to draw me closer to you as I hold on to you and your promises. Here I am now, ready to hear and obey your word. **That is very good. You have answered my questions well. You will receive from my word all that I have for you.** Thank you, Lord, for your goodness to me.

Lord, there is no doubt about it, I used to wander off. I would lose focus. I would drift away. My heart would become dull and stupid. I would become attracted to the things of this world. Help me now to closely follow your word so I can stay on course with you. Amen

Promises*I Went Astray*

Do good to your servant according to your word, O LORD. Teach me knowledge and good judgment, for I believe in your commands. Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I obey your word. You are good, and what you do is good; teach me your decrees. Though the arrogant have smeared me with lies, I keep your precepts with all my heart. Their hearts are callous and unfeeling, but I delight in your law. It was good for me to be afflicted so that I might learn your decrees. The law from your mouth is more precious to me than thousands of pieces of silver and gold.

NIV

Psalm 119:65-72

Promises*I Used To Wander Off*

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NLT

Psalm 119:65-72

Promises*I Went Astray*

You have dealt well with your servant, O LORD, according to your word. Teach me good judgment and knowledge, for I believe in your commandments. Before I was humbled I went astray, but now I keep your word. You are good and do good; teach me your statutes. The arrogant smear me with lies, but with my whole heart I keep your precepts. Their hearts are fat and gross, but I delight in your law. It is good for me that I was humbled, so that I might learn your statutes. The law of your mouth is better to me than thousands of gold and silver pieces.

NRSV

Psalm 119:65-72

Promises*I Went Astray*

You have dealt well with Your servant, O Lord, according to Your promise. Teach me good judgment, wise *and* right discernment, and knowledge, for I have believed (trusted, relied on, and clung to) Your commandments. Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now Your word do I keep [hearing, receiving, loving, and obeying it]. You are good *and* kind and do good; teach me Your statutes. The arrogant *and* godless have put together a lie against me, but I will keep Your precepts with my whole heart. Their hearts are as fat as grease [their minds are dull and brutal], but I delight in Your law. It is good for me that I have been afflicted, that I might learn Your statutes. The law from Your mouth is better to me than thousands of gold and silver pieces.

AMP

Psalm 119:65-72

Promises*I Went Astray*

You have dealt well with Your servant, O LORD, according to Your word. Teach me good discernment and knowledge, For I believe in Your commandments. Before I was afflicted I went astray, But now I keep Your word. You are good and do good; Teach me Your statutes. The arrogant have forged a lie against me; With all *my* heart I will observe Your precepts. Their heart is covered with fat, *But* I delight in Your law. It is good for me that I was afflicted, That I may learn Your statutes. The law of Your mouth is better to me Than thousands of gold and silver *pieces*.

NASB

Psalm 119:65-72

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You have dealt well with your servant, O LORD, according to your word. Teach me good judgment and knowledge, for I believe in your commandments. Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I keep your word. You are good and do good; teach me your statutes. The insolent smear me with lies, but with my whole heart I keep your precepts; their heart is unfeeling like fat, but I delight in your law. It is good for me that I was afflicted, that I might learn your statutes. The law of your mouth is better to me than thousands of gold and silver pieces.

ESV

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NKJV

Psalm 119:65-72

Promises*I Wandered All Over The Place*

Be good to your servant, GOD; be as good as your Word. Train me in good common sense; I'm thoroughly committed to living your way. Before I learned to answer you, I wandered all over the place, but now I'm in step with your Word. You are good, and the source of good; train me in your goodness. The godless spread lies about me, but I focus my attention on what you are saying; They're bland as a bucket of lard, while I dance to the tune of your revelation. My troubles turned out all for the best— they forced me to learn from your textbook. Truth from your mouth means more to me than striking it rich in a gold mine.

MSG

Psalm 119:65-72

Promises*I Used To Wander Off*

Lord, I am overflowing with your blessings, just as you promised. Now teach me good judgment as well as knowledge. For your laws are my guide. I used to wander off until you punished me; now I closely follow all you say. You are good and do only good; make me follow your lead. Proud men have made up lies about me, but the truth is that I obey your laws with all my heart. Their minds are dull and stupid, but I have sense enough to follow you. The punishment you gave me was the best thing that could have happened to me, for it taught me to pay attention to your laws. They are more valuable to me than millions in silver and gold!

TLB

Psalm 119:65-72

Promises*I Did Wrong*

You have done good things for your servant, as you have promised, LORD. Teach me wisdom and knowledge because I trust your commands. Before I suffered, I did wrong, but now I obey your word. You are good, and you do what is good. Teach me your demands. Proud people have made up lies about me, but I will follow your orders with all my heart. Those people have no feelings, but I love your teachings. It was good for me to suffer so I would learn your demands. Your teachings are worth more to me than thousands of pieces of gold and silver.

NCV

Psalm 119:65-72

I Used To Wander Off

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Promises – Psalm 119:65-72

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?)***

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

How has God used His word to give you good judgement and sound knowledge?

How is closely following God's word keeping you on course with Him?

How are you making it your daily practice to closely follow God's word?

How is God's word helped you to come to know of His kindness, mercy and love for you?

How is obeying God's word with all your heart helping you to know and live in the truth?

How is the truth of God's word helped you to withstand lies that have come against you?

How does your life demonstrate the value you place on knowing and following God's word?

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

Closely follow God's word so you can be kept on the course of loving, following and serving Him.

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

Have faith that God's word will prevent you from wandering off and keep you on course with Him.

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

Share with another person or your small group how closely following God's word has kept you on course with Him.

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 closely follow God's word so you will not wander off from Him.

Prayer To Carry

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

Lord, I will closely follow your word so I will not wander off from you.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how can I closely follow your word today?
