

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.

Psalm 119:97-104

(NLT)

Your Guide

Do you love my instructions? Do you think about them all day long? Has my word made you wiser than your enemies? Are you allowing my word to be your guide? Has my word given you insight far beyond what you have been taught by your teachers? Has my word helped you to walk on the path of life, far away from evil? Yes, I love your instructions. Yes, I do think of your word all day long. There is no place I would rather be or nothing I would rather do than meet with you in your word. Your word has given me new thoughts to think. Your word has given me new words to speak. Your word has given me new deeds to do. Your word has formed in me new prayers to pray. Yes, your words taste sweet, they are sweeter than honey to me. Nothing is of more valuable or more desirable to me than your word. Your commands have helped me to stand against temptation. Your word has helped me to turn away from evil of every kind. Your word has made me able to keep on walking on the path of life with you. My heart burns with desire to live my life with and for you. This the work of your word in my heart and mind and life. But that is not all. Your word has given me more insight than I could have ever hoped for from my teachers. Your word has given me even more wisdom than my elders. I will keep on holding onto your word. Your word has given me a new appetite and a distaste for the things of this world. Thank you, that your word has made me to hunger for you. I will keep on following and obeying you, all the days of my life. **That will be very good.**

Lord, I will keep your word ever before me. I will meditate on your word so that you can teach and train and guard and guide me. Your word will be my constant guide through life. Your word will help me to think and speak and act in ways that are pleasing to you. Amen

Promises*Ever With Me*

Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long. Your commands make me wiser than my enemies, for they are ever with me. I have more insight than all my teachers, for I meditate on your statutes. I have more understanding than the elders, for I obey your precepts. I have kept my feet from every evil path so that I might obey your word. I have not departed from your laws, for you yourself have taught me. How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! I gain understanding from your precepts; therefore I hate every wrong path.

NIV

Psalm 119:97-104

Promises*Ever With Me*

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

Promises*My Constant Guide*

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 understanding than all my teachers, for you are 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

Promises*Ever With Me*

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

Promises*Always With Me*

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

Promises*Never Become Obsolete*

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

Promises*Ever Before Me*

Oh, how love! 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

Promises*My Constant Guide*

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

Promises*Ever Mine*

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

Promises*Mine Forever*

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

My Constant Guide

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Promises – 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 keep your word ever before me. I will meditate on your word so that you can teach and train and guard and guide me. Your word will be my constant guide through life. Your word will help me to think and speak and act in ways that are pleasing to you. Amen

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

How are you making sure to keep God's word ever before you?

How are you allowing God's word to be your constant guide through life?

Why can you be sure that God's word will never become obsolete?

When has the Holy Spirit brought something from God's word to your mind and applied it to your life?

How has God's word changed your appetite and given you a distaste for what is evil?

How has meditating on God's word given you understanding beyond what others have taught you?

How has God's word restrained you from doing what was not pleasing to Him?

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

Allow God's word to be ever before you so it will be your constant guide through life.

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

Have faith that God's word will be your constant guide through 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 allowing God's word to be your constant guide in 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 keep God's word ever before you so that it will be your constant guide through life.

Prayer To Carry

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

Lord, I will keep your word ever before me so you can use it to constantly guide my life.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how will you use your word to guide my life today?
