



I've been reading through Psalm 119 these past few weeks and I have to say - I've learned so much! One thing I've been convicted about is my head knowledge about God's word but not a heart - love for God's word. Do I really love God's word with all my heart?

Psalm 119:47 says, "For I find my delight in your commandments which I love." This verse makes me think about Psalm 37:4, which says, "Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart." When I was younger, in high school, I thought if I made God first in my life I would have all I wanted. That's not really how it works. I wanted God to be a genie and give me all of things I wanted. I wanted to create a checklist and then expected God to show up and do what I wanted.

Thankfully, God is much bigger, more sovereign, and knows a lot more than I do. I don't always get what I wanted. There are a lot of things about myself or my life I'd probably change, but one thing for sure I've learned: delighting in the Lord will bring you new desires. And there is nothing more important for me to love than God's Word.

The author of Psalm 119 didn't just have a head knowledge of God's word, he had a heart knowledge. And he had a deep heart desire to understand, read, and grasp God's word.

At first glance Psalm 119 seems daunting and repetitive. Honestly, how often can someone say they love God's word? We get it. You love God's Word. But if we look deeper it will change us. Here are some lessons God has shown me during my brief look into Psalm 119.

1. We keep God's word. - Guard it and protect it. Our time in God's word is vital and should be a priority!
2. We meditate on God's word. - Keep it close to our hearts and think about it!
3. We delight on God's word. - It brings joy and comfort to our hearts.
4. We hide God's word in our hearts. - Memorizing God's word is vital to help us.
5. We love God's word. - It is the most important possession we have!

And when we do all of these things, here is what God's word does for us, through His word. make the choice to love, it also applies to loving God's word. We make the choice.

So friend, open your Bible and make the choice.

ul, remember God has chosen you and given you a position and place in His family.



1. It blesses us. (1)
2. It teaches us. (33)
3. It keeps us from sin. (11)
4. It teaches us of God's love. (54)
5. It shows us God's goodness.(68)
6. It comforts us. (76)
7. It gives us wisdom. (130)
8. It offers hope to us. (147)
9. It gives us life. (159)
10. It shows us salvation. (166)

What does it mean to really love God's word? I used to think I had to have this deep, passion for it. I think at times I do have a loving affection for God's word. But honestly, my feelings are fickle. So on some days it is hard to read God's word. I am tired or weary and life is discouraging. If it were up to my feelings, I would rarely read my Bible. Thankfully, I was told a long time ago by a trusted mentor to not believe my feelings about God's word. It is the same. If loving God's word means we get up, no matter our feelings, and read it. Daily. Then that is it. We immerse ourselves into the pages. The words will guard us, keep us, and become our delight. Over time we will fall more and more in love. Just like loving people means we



5. Isaiah 41:18 & 19 says, "I will put in the wilderness the cedar, the acacia, the myrtle, and the olive. I will set in the desert the cypress, the plane and the pine together, that they may see and know my sender and understand together, that the hand of the Lord has done this, the Holy One of Israel has created it." In the midst of our fears and anxiety God says He will give us purpose. God Gives Us Purpose in the midst of the wilderness of anxiety. Our purpose is to "see and consider" and understand that God is bigger than our fears and anxiety.

Over and over again Israel writes, "I the LORD have said.." What has God said? If God has said these things, that He will give us a position, presence, protection, provision, and purpose - think about it! Consider it and believe it. Choose to believe. Belief is not a will of the heart but a will of the mind. Anxiety and fear live in our hearts. It is time we tell our hearts with our minds the TRUTH of God.

Remember to read your Bible because it is there we find the ability to FIGHT FEAR!