The Practice of Joy



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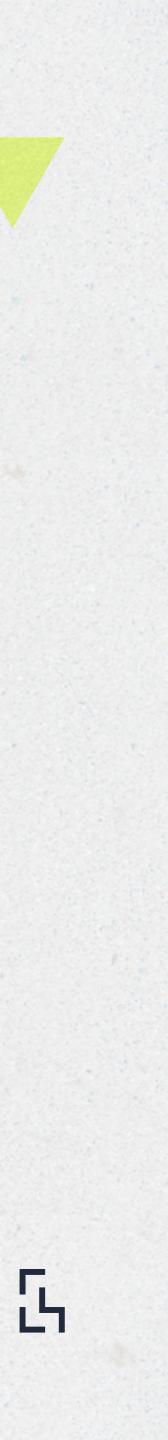
Week Two Through God's Word





... train yourself for godliness; for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come.

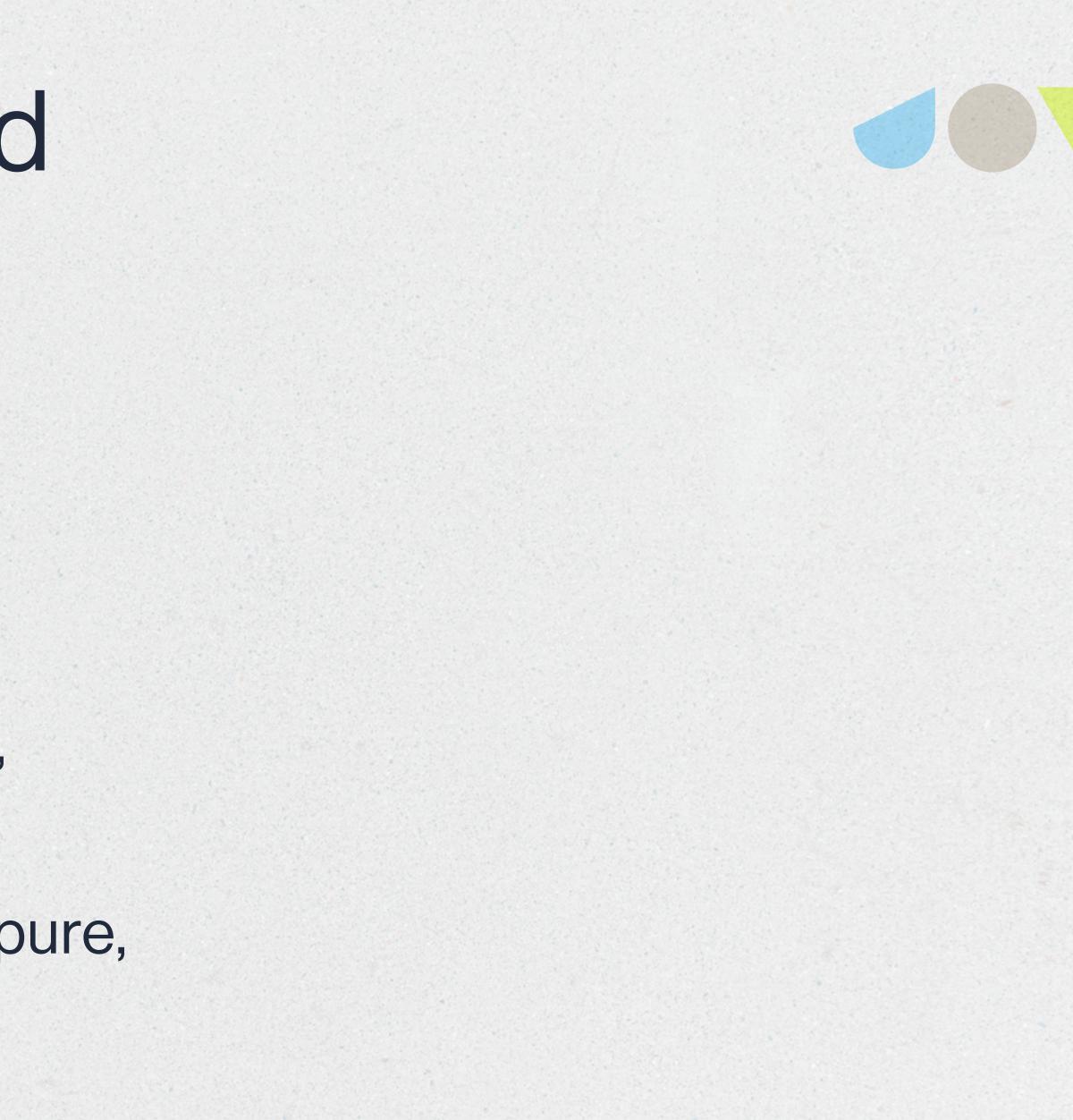
1 Timothy 4:7-8

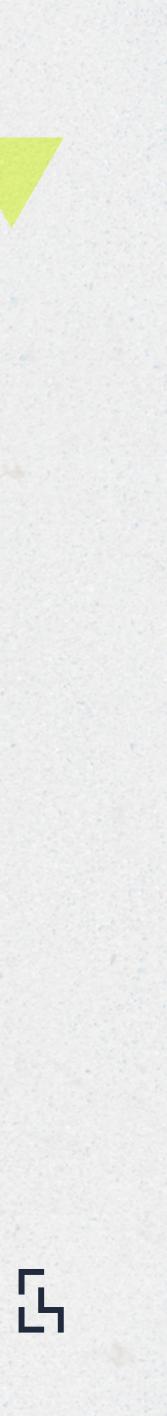


Where no attention is given to teaching, and to constant lifelong Christian learning, people quickly revert to the worldview or mindset of the surrounding culture, and end up with their minds shaped by whichever social pressures are most persuasive, with Jesus somewhere around as a pale influence or memory.

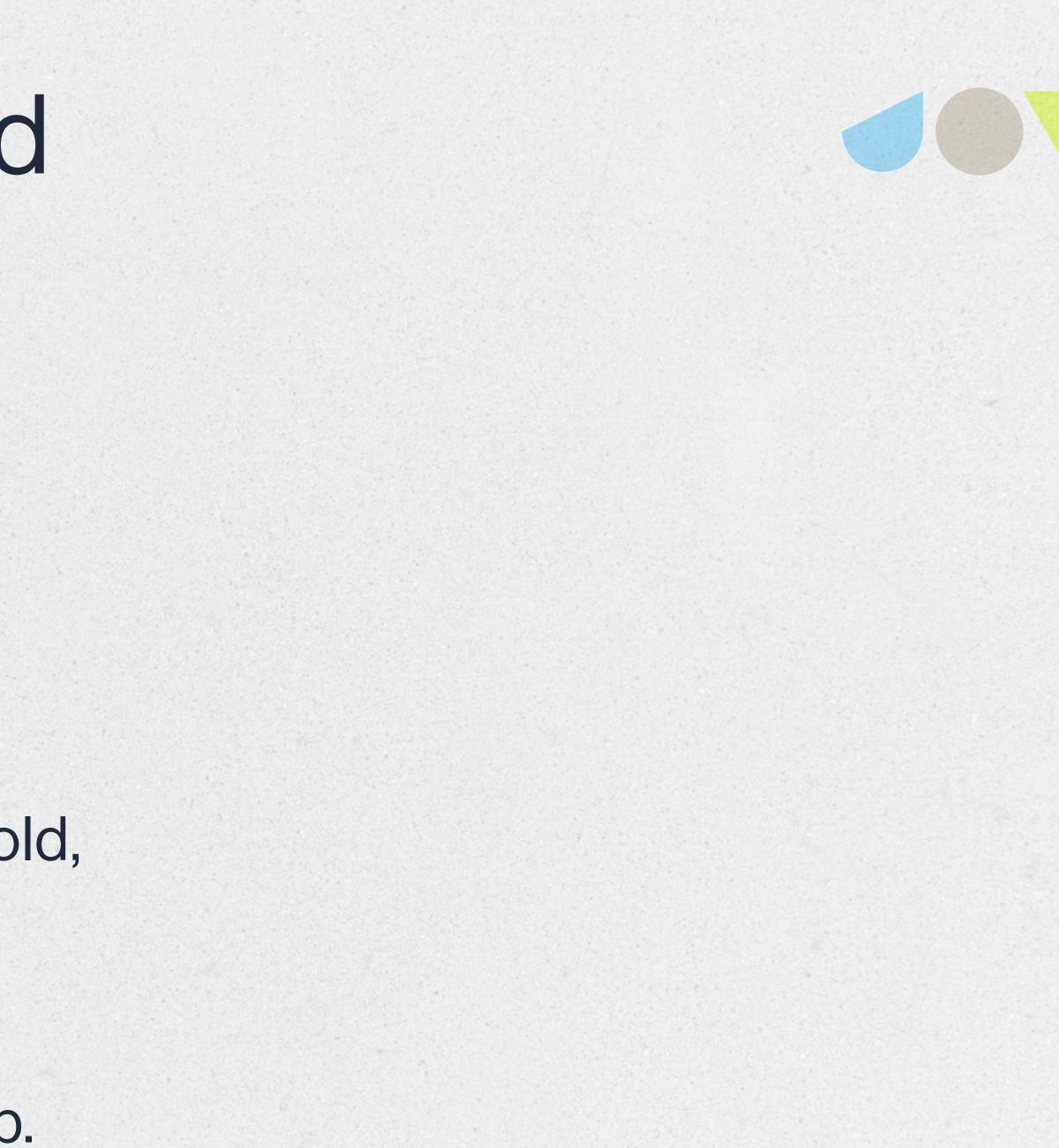
- Tom Wright

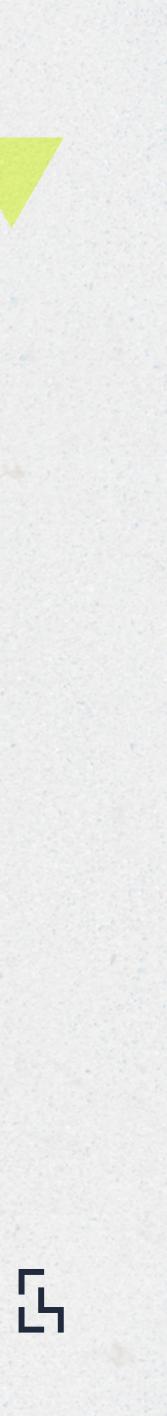
⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; ⁸ the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;





⁹ the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether. ¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

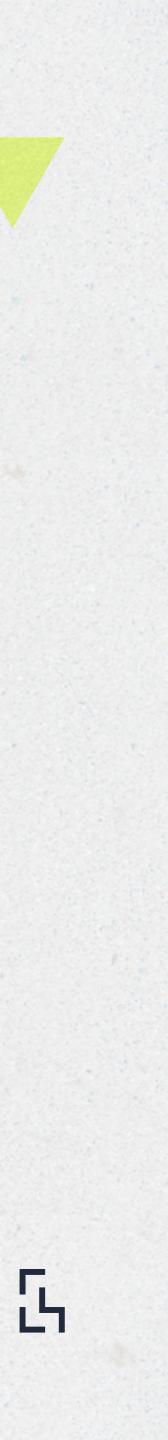




¹¹ Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

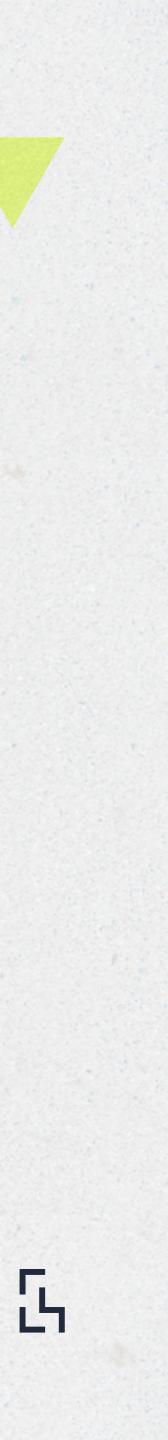
Psalm 19:7–11





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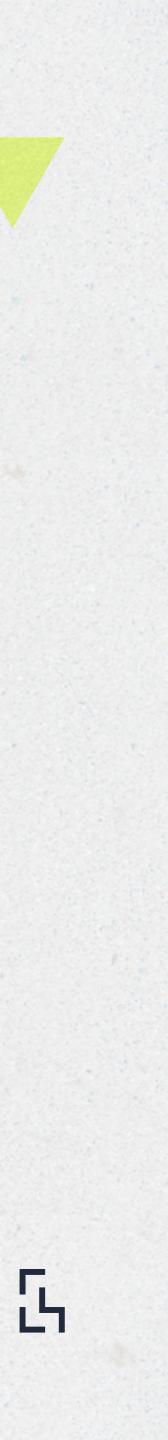
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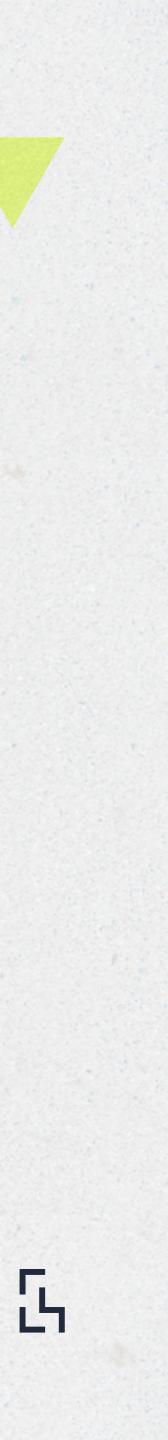
Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God."

John 6:68–69



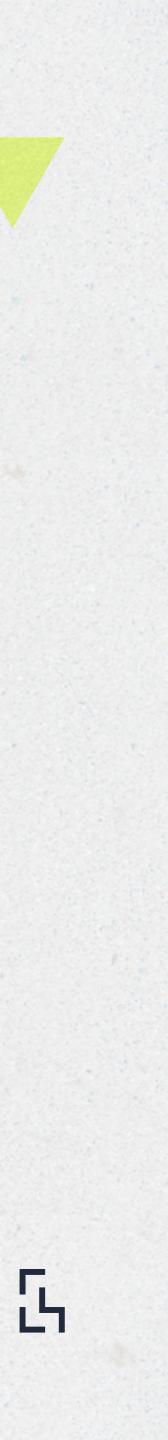
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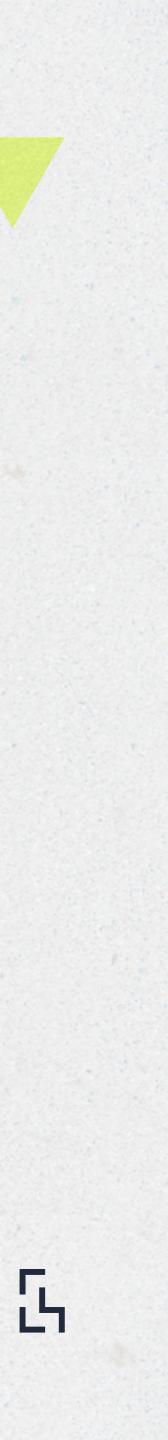


My first priority every day is to get my heart happy in the Lord.

– George Mueller

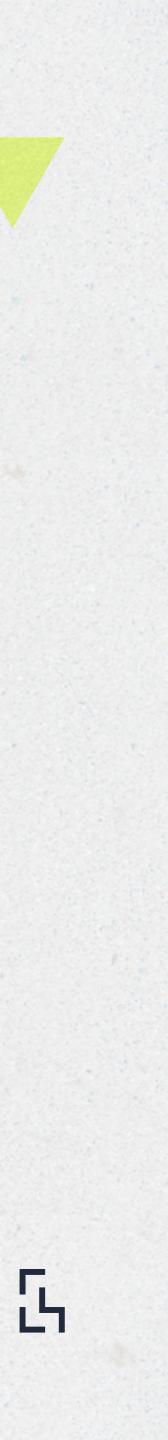
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2 Questions

- 1. What does it say? (the big idea)
- 2. What does that show? (the application)

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PSALM 22:14

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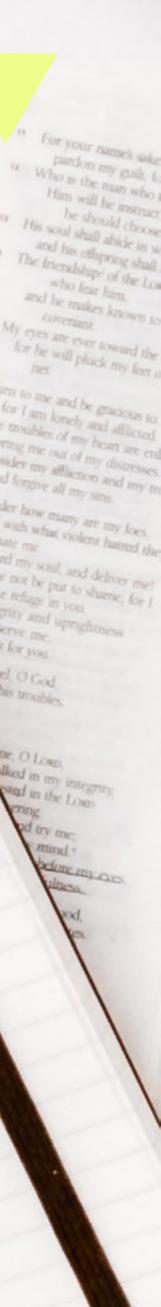
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