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*Heart* of  
the **Matter**

Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes;  
and I will keep it to the end.<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>34</sup> Give me understanding, that I may keep your law  
and observe it with my whole heart.

<sup>35</sup> Lead me in the path of your commandments,  
for I delight in it.

<sup>36</sup> **Incline my heart** to your testimonies,  
and not to selfish gain!

<sup>37</sup> Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things;  
and give me life in your ways.

<sup>38</sup> Confirm to your servant your promise,  
that you may be feared.

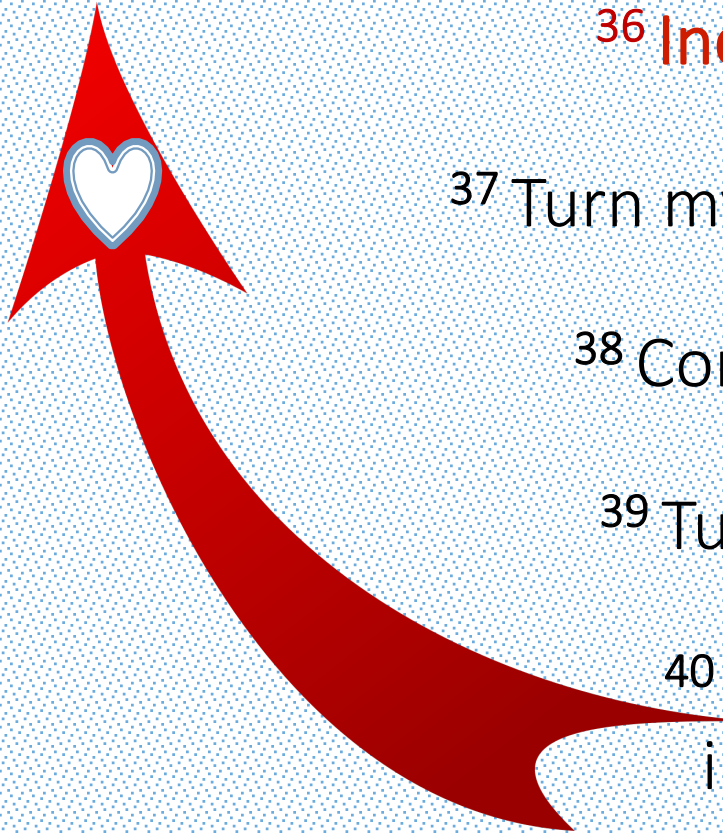
<sup>39</sup> Turn away the reproach that I dread,  
for your rules are good.

<sup>40</sup> Behold, I long for your precepts;  
in your righteousness give me life.

Give me a bent for  
your words of  
wisdom,  
and not for piling  
up loot.

Divert my eyes from  
toys and trinkets,  
invigorate me on  
the pilgrim way.

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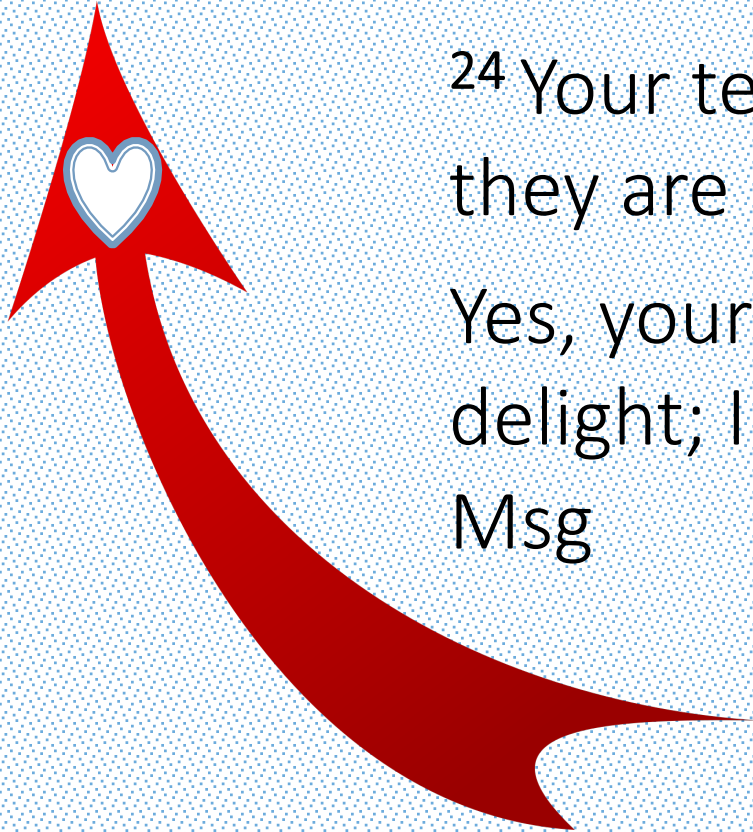
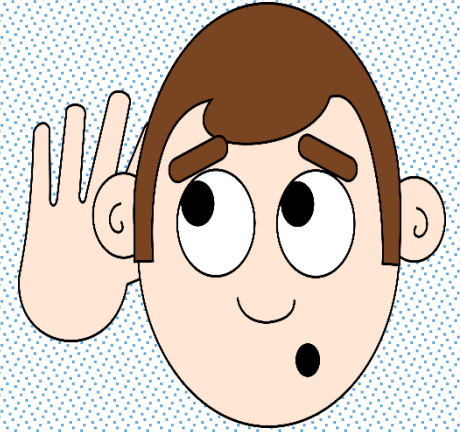
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## 1. HEAR IT

<sup>24</sup> Your testimonies are my delight;  
they are my counselors. NIV

Yes, your sayings on life are what give me  
delight; I listen to them as to good neighbors!

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## 2. READ IT

<sup>18</sup> Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law. NIV

Open my eyes so I can see what you show me of your miracle-wonders. I'm a stranger in these parts; give me clear directions. My soul is starved and hungry, ravenous!—insatiable for your nourishing commands. Msg vv17-19

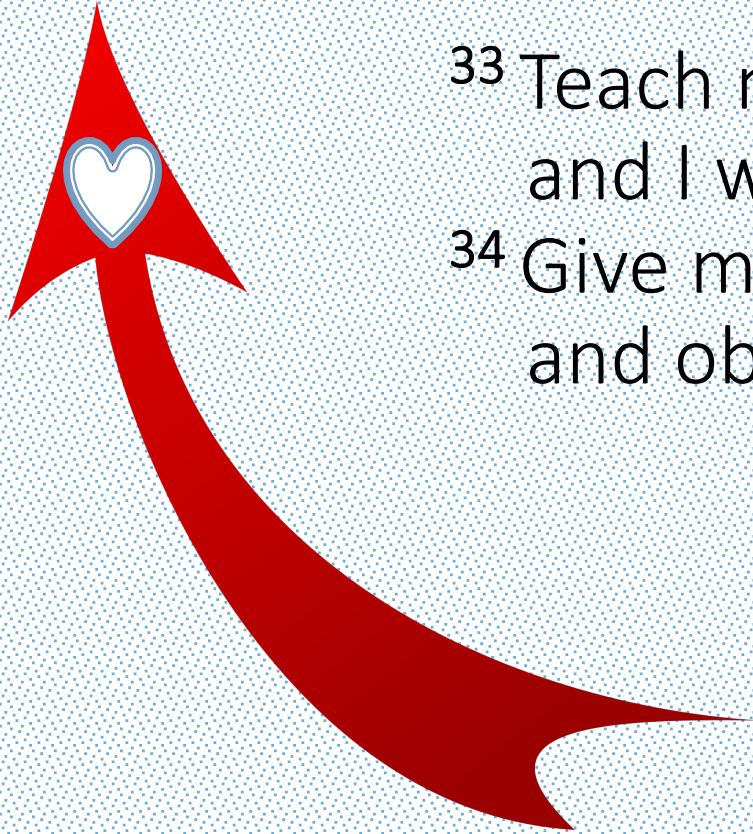


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## 3. STUDY IT

<sup>33</sup> Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes;  
and I will keep it to the end.

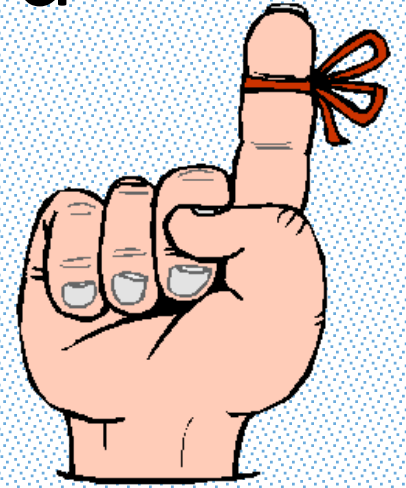
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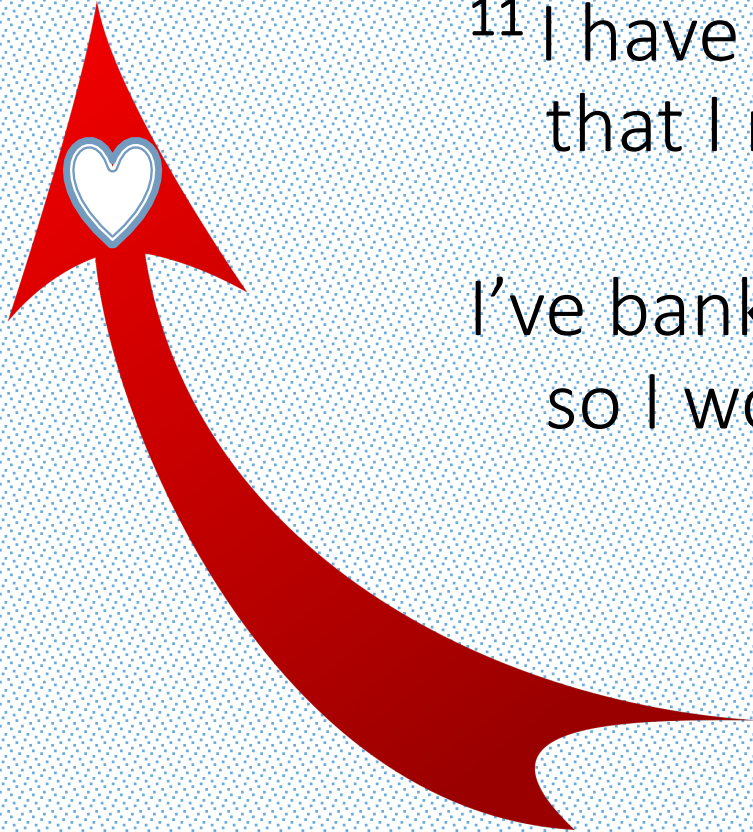
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## 4. MEMORIZE IT

<sup>11</sup> I have stored up your word in my heart,  
that I might not sin against you. NIV, v11



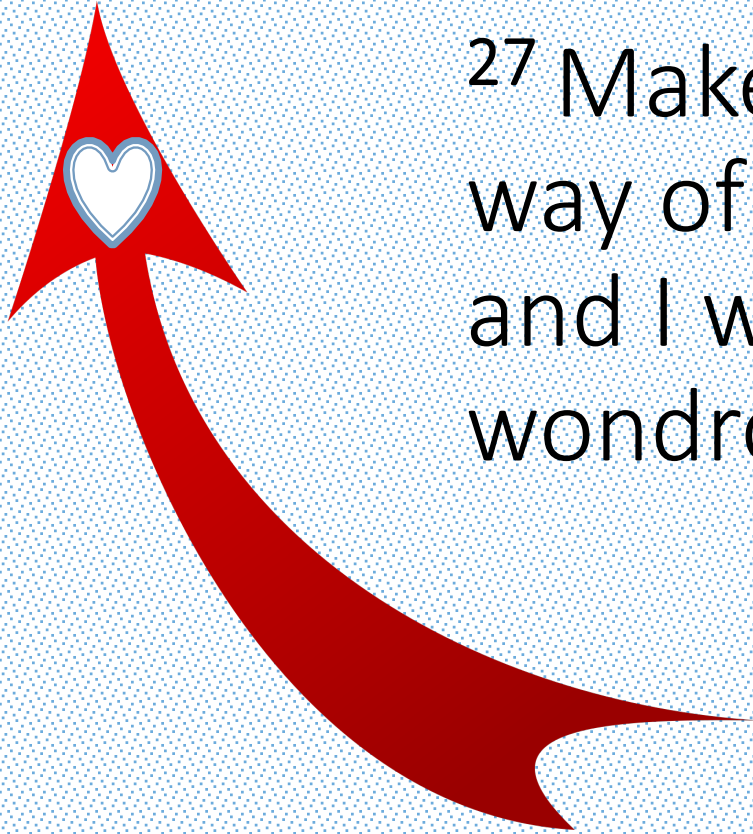
I've banked your promises in the vault of my heart  
so I won't sin myself bankrupt. Msg



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## 5. MEDITATE ON GOD'S WORD

<sup>27</sup> Make me understand the way of your precepts, and I will meditate on your wondrous works.



<sup>4</sup> Do not let my heart incline to any evil,  
to busy myself with wicked deeds in  
company with men who work iniquity,  
and let me not eat of their delicacies!

Psalm 141:4 (ESV)

<sup>3-5</sup> Post a guard at my mouth, GOD,  
set a watch at the door of my lips.  
Don't let me so much as dream of evil  
or thoughtlessly fall into bad company.  
And these people who only do wrong—  
don't let them lure me with their sweet talk! Msg









1. Standing on the  
promises of Christ my  
King,  
Through eternal ages let  
His praises ring,  
Glory in the highest, I  
will shout and sing,  
    Standing on the  
promises of God.

Standing, standing,  
Standing on the promises of God  
my Savior;  
Standing, standing,  
    I'm standing on the promises of  
God.

2. Standing on the promises that cannot  
fail, When the howling storms of doubt and  
fear assail, By the living Word of God I shall  
prevail, Standing on the promises of God.

