

HIDING GOD'S WORD IN OUR HEARTS

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I. WHY IS HIDING GOD'S WORD IN OUR HEART SO IMPORTANT?

Psalm 119:11 I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

1. We hide God's Word in our hearts....because they are HIS WORDS.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Matthew 4:4 Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

2. We hide God's Word in our hearts....because His Word instructs us to.

Deuteronomy 11:18 - Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads.

Deuteronomy 11:18 (MSG) Place these words on your hearts. Get them deep inside you. Tie them on your hands and foreheads as a reminder.

Job 22:22 Accept instruction from His mouth and lay up His words in your heart.

3. We hide God's Word in our hearts...for the guidance it gives us in life.

Psalms 119:105 Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.

4. We hide God's Word in our hearts...to be a blessing to others.

Hebrews 10:24-25 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

1 Peter 3:15 But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,

II. LIFE HACKS FOR HIDING GOD'S WORD IN YOUR HEART

1. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you.

John 14:26 (ESV) But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, He will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

2. Add it to your day.

3. Read the verses out loud.

4. Find verses that you can apply in life.

- When you kids are driving you crazy - 1 Corinthians 13:4-8
- When the news and media are too much - Isaiah 40:31
- When you want to punch the guy at work - 1 Chronicles 16:11
- When you don't have an answer for the friend who is dying – Matthew 11:28

5. Memorize with a friend.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 (NLT) Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble.

6. Get up and move!

III. IT'S NEVER TOO LATE (OR TOO EARLY) TO START.

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates

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IV. THREE AREAS IN LIFE WHERE GOD'S WORD IS HELPFUL

1. *When I struggle to find Peace*

Psalms 23:1-6 The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside quiet waters, He refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for His name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely Your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

2. *God has a plan and a purpose for my life.*

Psalms 138:7-8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You preserve my life; You stretch out Your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and Your right hand delivers me. The Lord will fulfill His purpose for me; Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

3. *Praise God for who He is*

Psalms 100:1-5 Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs. Know that the LORD is God. It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name. For the LORD is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations.