



Do we spend enough time in God's Word for it to get into us?

“Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. ¹⁶ For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world.

¹⁷ The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.”

1 John 2:15-17 NIV



“To the angel of the church in Ephesus write:

These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks among the seven golden lampstands. ²I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked people, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. ³You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary. ⁴Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first.” Revelation 2:1-4

“To love something genuinely is to immediately face all the second loves that are making an attempt at killing your first love. It is the wink of the adulteress to the married man. It is the invitation from a clique to abandon a true friendship. It is the ignoring of the familiar gifts around you, in search of the next thing to charge on your credit card. Worldliness kills because it exchanges loves...

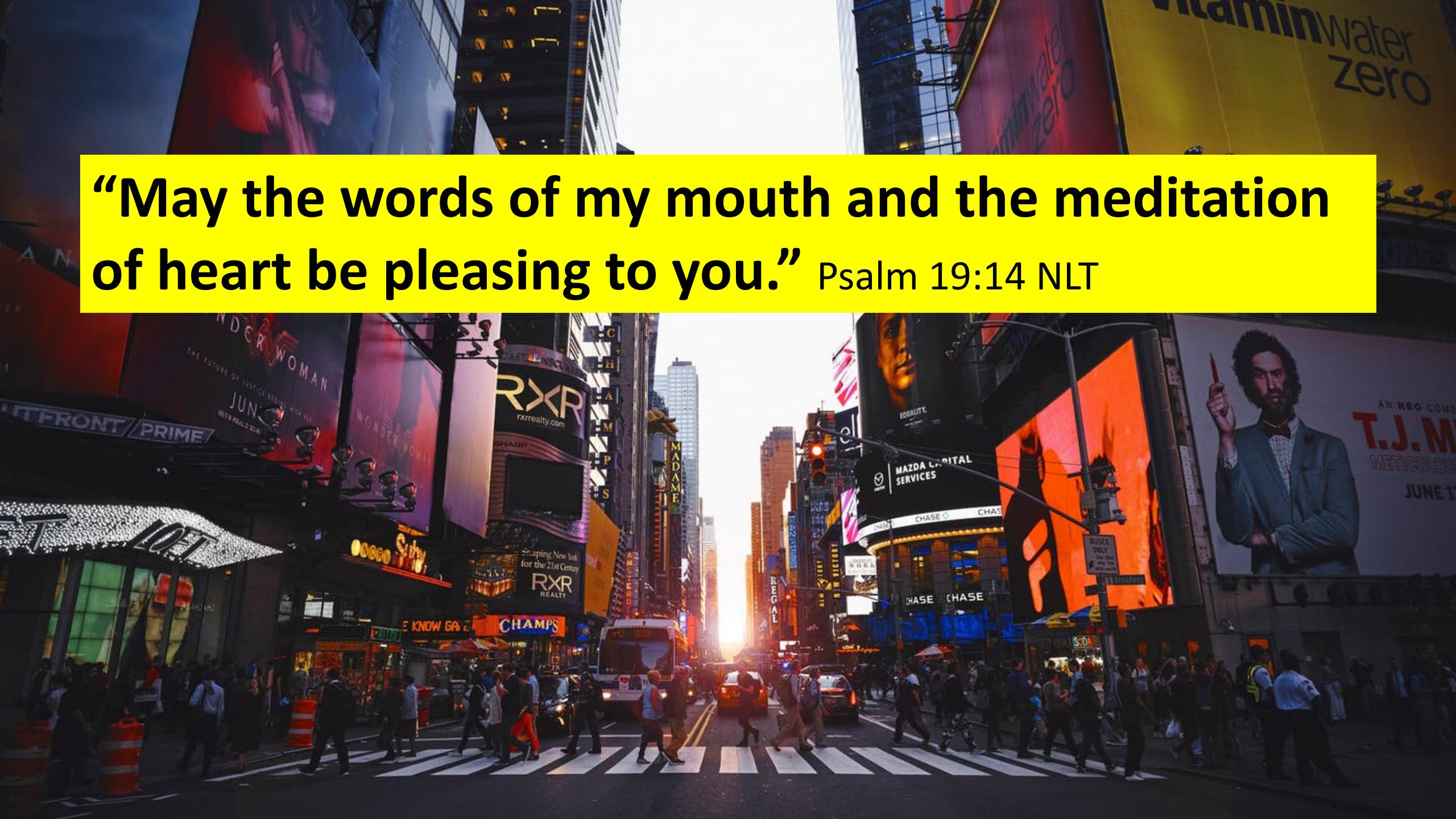
A man who has stopped fighting for his marriage will not fight against the lure of adulterous flirting, because he is driven by the passivity of lust, not the earnestness of love. Which means that true love must be fought for.” Tony Reinke – Desiring God

“No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.” - Jesus (Matthew 6:24 NIV)



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**“May the words of my mouth and the meditation
of heart be pleasing to you.”** Psalm 19:14 NLT



“And the world passes away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.” v17

John 14:15 – If you love me you will obey what I command.

v21 – Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me.

v23 – If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching.

v24 – He who does not love me will not obey my teaching.

v31 The world must learn that I love the Father and that I do exactly what my Father has commanded me.

So why don't I feel much love for God?

- You are not yet born again
- Your love for God has grown weak and cold



“...a bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not quench... Isaiah 42:3

He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms...” Isaiah 40:11



TODAY'S TAKEAWAY:
**THE MOST PRECIOUS LOVE WE CAN HAVE IS OUR
LOVE FOR JESUS AND THAT IS A LOVE WORTH
FIGHTING FOR!**

