

# WISDOM PART 2 PASTOR JEREMY McGARITY

#### HOW TO PRIORITIZE GOD'S WORD

## 1. APPROACH IT WITH \_\_\_\_\_ENTHUSIASM \_\_\_\_.

"Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so by it you may grow up in your salvation."

1 PETER 2:2 | NIV

"It takes more than bread to stay alive. It takes a steady stream of words from God's mouth."

MATTHEW 4:4 | MSG

## 2. EXPERIENCE IT WITH CONSISTENCY

"Now the Berean Jews were of <u>more noble character</u> than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great <u>eagerness</u> and examined the Scriptures <u>every day</u> to see if what Paul said was true."

ACTS 17:11 | NIV

"Oh, the joys of those who ... delight in doing everything God wants them to, and <u>day and night</u> are always meditating on His laws and thinking about ways to follow Him more closely.

They are like trees along a riverbank bearing luscious fruit each season without fail.

Their leaves shall never wither, and all they do shall prosper."

PSALM 1:1-3 | LB

### 3. DISCUSS IT WITH <u>OTHERS</u>.

"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."

DEUTERONOMY 6:6-7 | NIV

### 4. ACT ON IT WITH \_\_\_\_\_\_ URGENCY \_\_\_\_.

"Don't fool yourself into thinking that you are a listener when you are anything but, letting the Word go in one ear and out the other.

Act on what you hear! Those who hear and don't act are like those who glance in the mirror, walk away, and two minutes later have no idea who they are or what they look like."

JAMES 1:22-24 | MSG

"Those who love your teachings will find true peace, and nothing will defeat them." PSALM 119:165 | NCV

## SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

1.	What is one	thing that	stood out	to y	ou in thi	is week's	sermon an	d why?
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2. As a group, Read 1 Peter 2:2 in your notes. We all have cravings in life. What are cravings you have on a daily basis that you can't seem to live without (coffee, sugar, working out)? Do you crave being in God's Word the same as those cravings? Go around the group and share.

3. As a group, read Psalm 1:1-3 in your notes. What does it say we will be like if we meditate on God's word day and night? Do you feel like you are bearing fruit in the season you're in right now? If not, what is the key to bearing fruit and what will you commit to doing in order to bear fruit, no matter the season you are in?

4. In Deuteronomy 6:6-7, Moses is talking to the Israelites about imprinting the Lord's commandments on their hearts. Moses also asks the Israelites to share those commands with others. Why do you think this is? (hint: Moses was preparing his people to walk into the Promised Land. The Israelites would need to remember God's Word and promises more than ever). We also need God's Word more than ever. How can we be better at this?

5. How is your week going? How can we pray for you and your family?