

Daily Devotion For July 18, 2021

⁹ How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping *it* according to Your word. ¹⁰ With all my heart I have sought You; Do not let me wander from Your commandments. ¹¹ I have treasured Your word in my heart, so that I may not sin against You." Psalm 119:9-11

Wednesday during our Bible Study, it was mentioned that memorizing scripture is difficult, especially as we get older. While that may be true, I think that our life as Christians can be made easier if we stay committed to the reading and studying of the Bible. There are several advantages to knowing the Bible and where to find verses.

First of all, there may be times when we face situations in life where we need help. Whether it be for comfort, encouragement, peace, or whatever. Having an idea where to find those scriptures can be a timely help to get us through those difficult and trying times.

Second, I have also discovered that there are times when I am talking to other people who are facing various trials in their lives. Knowing the bible verses can be a help to others as we share with them what we have read, studied, and memorized.

Thought For Today: You may have trouble with memorizing scripture verbatim but you can still memorize the basic idea of the verse. Can you summarize Psalm 119:9-11 today? Perhaps.... "knowing God's Word can keep me from sin." A little portion of scripture well digested is of greater value than a lengthy portion read hurriedly. Do not be discouraged because you cannot understand it all. Keep on reading. As you read, the Holy Spirit will enlighten the passages for you.

Today's Prayer Focus: Thank God for His Word. Pray that the Holy Spirit will give you a deeper hunger and thirst to read, study, and memorize it. Pray that God will give you an opportunity to share with others what you have read and studied. Continue to pray the prayer fuel. Deo Volente.