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**THE BIBLE
MAY HURT YOU
WITH THE TRUTH
BUT IT WILL
NEVER
COMFORT YOU
WITH A LIE.**

Sometimes we fail to look into the mirror of God’s Word because we don’t want to see the truth. If the TRUTH hurts, it’s working. Love, God. God has given us His word to help us see and understand what is really important in this adventure we call life. We need to take advantage of the wisdom He has given us.



WE ALL
KNOW
MIRRORS
DON'T
LIE...
I'M JUST
GRATEFUL
THAT THEY
DON'T
LAUGH!

Thanks to all for prayers and gifts to help baby Kai. Kaitlynn’s sister, Shelby, and her husband , David, are investing their lives into Kai’s life and providing a safe and loving home for him. If you are impressed to help more, you may designate a gift through Eagle Summit.


WHERE WE’VE BEEN & WHERE WE’RE HEADED NEXT . . .

July-August—Country Bible Church, Dusty, WA (Papst, Hippe, Morris)
June 22 Mending Fences Fellowship, Spokane, WA (Kennedy)
July 5—Freedom Fest, Cedonia Community Church, Cedonia, WA (Hippe and Arnold)

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PSALM 119:1-8 ALEPH

Psalm 119 is remarkable on many levels. The format is simple yet incredibly complex. All twenty-two letters of the Hebrew alphabet are incorporated into the framework of this Psalm. The Psalm is organized into twenty-two eight verse sections. Every verse starts with a Hebrew word beginning with the next letter of the alphabet emphasizing something special about God’s word (the 5 books of the Torah).

The equivalent in English would be to use each successive letter in our alphabet starting with the letter “A” and writing eight sentences beginning with a different word starting with the letter “A,” the next section, “B,” then completing the entire alphabet. Each sentence must focus on one unique aspect of the Bible (we have all sixty-six books to draw upon now, not just five). Oh, and try not to repeat your thought too often. I divided college students into groups. Each group was given one letter of the English alphabet and found it challenging to write just eight sentences focused on the word of God. Give it a try. Send me a copy of your completed work.

Each of the following eight verses in Psalm 119 begin with a Hebrew word that starts with the first letter of the Hebrew alphabet, Aleph. **Psalm 119:1-8 Aleph - Walking in the Law of the Lord**

1 Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord!

2 Blessed are those who keep his testimonies, who seek him with their whole heart,

3 who also do no wrong but walk in his ways!

4 You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently.

5 Oh that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes!

6 Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.

7 I will praise you with an upright heart, when I learn your righteous rules.

8 I will keep your statutes; do not utterly forsake me!

The point of God’s word is to impact the heart, the soul and spirit, not merely the mind. God’s word is designed to keep us from sin and to challenge us to do right. I should **READ GOD’S WORD . . .**



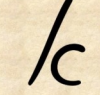
To **KNOW** God more – to deepen my relationship with Him

To **GROW** spiritually – to develop a more Christ-like character

To **SHOW** others the power of God and the simple message of the Gospel

I Have Two Choices: (1) **OBEY** God’s commands or (2) **DISOBEY** God’s Commands. By Faith, (1) Trust God’s Promises or (2) Trust my own Plans – Trust God or trust myself. Obeying God’s Word passionately brings God’s blessing (vv. 1-8) My goal should be consistent obedience (vv. 4-6). The psalmist challenges readers also to develop a more thankful heart attitude while learning more about God’s Word (vv. 7-8). A growing love for God is foundational to doing the will of God. This love grows as we learn more about the character and nature of God as revealed in His word. *Jesus said, “If you love Me, you will keep my commandments.” John 14:15*

The Hebrew Letter Alef

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FEAR makes **DISOBEDIENCE** seem **REASONABLE**. Obedience does not always demonstrate love but love is always demonstrated by obedience. Obedience may not be convenient, but it's what God wants. It's right. **1 John 4:18** "There is no **fear** in **love**. But perfect **love** drives out **fear**, because **fear** has to do with punishment. The one who **fears** is not made perfect in **love**."

Perfected love is mature love. There is no selfish motivation involved. Godly love is giving and expecting nothing in return. Selfless love is not natural, it is supernatural. Perfect love is love that is put into action. David Jeremiah stated, "Delighting in God's Word leads us to delight in God and delighting in God drives away fear."

HERE'S PROOF THAT WE VALUE THE WORD OF GOD – GOD'S TRUTH

We **Diligently** study it. The purpose of Scripture is to point us to God. We seek to know God more and deepen our relationship with Him through his Word (v. 2) "Seeking" with our whole heart (vv. 2–10). Our attitude as we study the word should not be one of checking another box off a daily "to do list," but an attitude of learning more about the character and nature of God and how His word can make a difference in daily living. We are to "look" into his Word (v. 6) and to learn its judgments (v. 7).

SATAN'S PLAN IS TO STEAL, TO KILL, TO DESTROY John 10:10. Satan's target is our mind, our thoughts. Satan's weapons are his lies. Satan's Purpose is to keep us ignorant of God's will. **Our defense is the inspired Word of God** The term "inspired" is the "out breathing of God." The words of the Bible are literally God's words to me. We are reminded in Ephesians 6, our only offensive weapon, the Sword of the Spirit is the Word of God. The Bible is both our offense and our defense.

THE PROOF THAT WE VALUE THE WORD OF GOD IS THAT WE OBEY ITS COMMANDS. That obedience is demonstrated by walking in God's law and in His ways (vv. 1, 3), keeping his testimonies (v. 2) and making certain our ideas agree with the principles of Scripture.

IF WE VALUE THE WORD OF GOD, WE'LL INVEST TIME AND ENERGY TO MEMORIZE GOD'S WORD.

We are to hide scripture in our minds and hearts. In Romans 12:1-2 we learn that we are "transformed by renewing our minds . . ." Lives are changed for the better by living out the principles of scripture. God's Word transforms minds and lives. We are to store Scripture in our minds and treasure it in our hearts, or soul with the confidence that it will empower us to resist sin. G. Campbell Morgan wrote, the Bible is "The best book, in the best place, for the best purpose." God's truth is at our disposal to help us make right daily decisions. When our thoughts are interwoven with God's thoughts it becomes easier and easier to make godly choices. If you are soaking up the truth of Scripture, you understand. If not, try it and see. **THANK GOD FOR HIS WORD WRITTEN TO US AND FOR US.**



It is easy to take for granted the freedoms, privileges and independence we have in America. What other country do you see millions of people doing whatever is necessary to live in that country and make it their new home?

The independence we have was paid for by the blood of patriots over the past 250 years. Take time to thank a veteran for his/her service to allow us the freedoms we enjoy.

I am also reminded of the freedom we have in Christ because of the blood He shed on a cruel Roman cross. We have the freedom in America to own a Bible, to attend church and send our children to a Christian school. We have these freedoms without fear of a government imprisoning us or shutting the doors of our churches or schools. Take time to thank God once again for His grace provided by Christ's sacrificial death. Do all you can to help others understand what true freedom is and how to be certain of Heaven.

Thoughts from Dawna . . . Silent Righteousness



I'm sitting in the Denver airport, finishing my lukewarm Thai chicken that's drenched in some kind of sticky sauce over a bed of rice and soggy lettuce shreds. It's in a biodegradable container that I'm pretty sure will disintegrate before I can finish eating it. I've got the perfect field of view from a phone charging table where I'm watching people walk down terminal A, moving from left to right. Most of them walk methodically like a herd of extras on a movie set.

Then occasionally, as though it's scripted, someone who's just overly loud breaks through the low hum of mumbling and typical airport noises. One guy going in the opposite direction, moving from right to left, is wearing large headphones and rapping out loud as he walks rhythmically. That makes me smile as I think, hey, at least he's having a good time. A mom sitting next to me gives her 8-year-old daughter a speech reminding her how much she begged for a set of AirPods as though this lecture would curb her daughter's bad behavior after what has presumably already been a long day of travel. It was clear her daughter was unfazed by the pretentious attempt at guilt tripping by her mom, and I was the only other person within earshot. Her mother's speech was performative as though it was meant for me.

There seems to be an uptick in people who perform in society or behave in a certain way because it's what they *think* they should do. They think they know how to "win friends and influence people" so they perform those actions to achieve a desired result. Using this mom in the airport as an example, I got the distinct feeling that she's one of those types of parents who doles out a lot of threats with little to no actual follow through. The false public persona might benefit your image temporarily, but the lack of genuineness, character, and personal discipline to do the right things when no one is looking is highly destructive.

Matthew 6:1 "Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven."

Usually when we think of this verse in Matthew, we relate it to doing good deeds like helping a homeless person by handing them a few dollars or donating to a family who's been through some kind of crisis. We think we're doing the

The self-righteous never apologize.

- Leonard Ravenhill

right thing by acting on some obvious need, giving generously, and then being careful not to brag about it. But what about all the other areas of action (or lack of action) in our lives that are in the majority, such as the mundane and routine things that are most often flowing from our hearts? These are the habits that shape and mold who we are, the common everyday actions that fundamentally affect the outcome of our lives and those closest

to us. Yet we go on pretending so that we can win the approval of the public. Pretending we're careful and meticulous parents who don't lose our cool. Pretending we're gracious and kind when someone jumps in line in front of us when on the inside we're fighting rage. Pretending we're volunteering at church as a service to the Lord when the truth is, if you received zero recognition for it and it was entirely thankless, how many of us would continue?

What is the point of practicing silent righteousness? If you don't, it's nothing more than a performance for the benefit of people who don't matter in the outcome of your life. A person devoid of silent righteousness is just a fake, a fraud, and a swindler wasting a bunch of time trying to impress people who don't matter. Silent righteousness will eventually lead to you being a completely transformed person not just for rewards in Heaven, but for your purity and authenticity while you're here.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:58 STILL STANDING FIRM WITH MY MOM, DAWNA



PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY WITH US AND FOR US

- PRAISE: Country Bible Church in Dusty, WA has a new shepherd arriving in late August. Details will follow.
- Pray for George's brother, Ron. He is dealing with a cancer challenge. Ron is preparing to enter Heaven.
- Continue to pray for wisdom in seeking a "Timothy" - someone to potentially become ESM director
- Wisdom and health for our son, George II, with continuing health challenges
- Pastor Kevin Che'n and his wife Janell as Kevin battles kidney failure and dialysis three times a week.