



Young Mothers 2018

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Assignment:

Our Personal Walk with the Lord
Lesson 2010 and 2014

The Blessing of Delighting
in God's Word

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Memory Passage: Psalm 119:128

*Therefore I esteem right all Your precepts
concerning everything, I hate every false way.*

How cold the heart and stony—like one dead—
On which the beams of God's own word,
In daily meditation fail to shed their warmth.

If through neglect, we draw not near that fire,
At first, unnoticed, creeps a shivering chill,
But when neglected lies the Book for days,
That chill takes hold, till the whole soul is ill.

And yet when once again we seek God's Word,
With empty heart and soul in deep despair,
In faithfulness He meets us. Praise the Lord!
And pours in oil and wine on all our care.

Katherine Howard (mother of Elisabeth Elliot)

Understanding the Value of God's Word

A. The Bible's Vital Qualities

*The law of the Lord is perfect, restoring the soul;
The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.
The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;
The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.
The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever;
The judgments of the Lord are true; they are righteous altogether. Psalm 19:7-9*

All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work. II Timothy 3:16-17

“It is a marvelous mark of God’s loving grace that He has given us every, truth, every principle, every standard, and every warning that we will ever need for living out our salvation according to His will”
John MacArthur

B. The Bible's Effect on Individuals

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My Relationship with God's Word

A. Nurturing My Relationship with God's Word

- Treasure it (to hide, to protect, to esteem)
Job 23:12

*Your word I have treasured in my heart,
That I may not sin against You. Psalm 119:11*

- Love it

*O how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the
day. Psalm 119:97*

- Abide in it

*But one who looks intently at the perfect law,
the law of liberty, and abides by it, not having
become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer,
this man will be blessed in what he does.
James 1:25*

- Delight in it (take great pleasure in or experience a
high degree of satisfaction)

*Praise the Lord! How blessed is the man who
fears the Lord, who greatly delights in His
commandments. Psalm 112:1*

*I shall delight in Your commandments, which I
love. Psalm 119:47*

- Meditate on it (“mouthing to myself the words of God”—Pastor Minnick)

This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success. Joshua 1:8

How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, nor stand in the path of sinners, nor sit in the seat of scoffers! But his delight is in the law of the Lord and in His law he meditates day and night. Psalm 1:1-2

To meditate in God's word is to discourse with ourselves concerning the great things contained in it, with a close application of mind, a fixedness of thought, till we be suitably affected with those things and experience the savour and power of them in our hearts.

Matthew Henry

Meditation affects—

- My speech (Psalm 39:3)
- My actions (Joshua 1:8)

That which dominates your meditations shapes the way you view yourself, life, and God, and your view of those things shapes the choices you make and the actions you take.

Paul David Tripp

B. Avoiding Hindrances to My Relationship with God's Word

Whatever keeps me from the Bible is my enemy,
no matter how harmless it may appear to me.

A. W. Tozer

1. Failing to prioritize

Daily choice that has a promise:

"But only one thing is necessary, for Mary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her." Luke 10:42

You cannot impart what you do not possess.
If your children seldom see you seeking God
through His Word, they won't catch it for themselves.
If they don't see you changing through your growing
understanding of and obedience to the Word,
they won't be motivated to be in the Word for themselves.

Elisabeth Elliot

2. Lack of faith

So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ. Romans 10:17

3. Setting unrealistic expectations

C. Cultivating My Delight in God's Word

1. Submit to your season of life
2. Pray for wisdom (James 1:5)

"If we really have too much to do, there are some items on the agenda which God did not put there. Let us submit the list to Him and ask Him to indicate which items we must delete."
Elisabeth Elliot

3. Snatch up moments when they come
4. Have faith that God's Word is what I must have—a necessity
5. Don't lose heart (Hebrews 12:1-3)
6. Faithfully pursue, and God will reward you

And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.
Hebrews 11:6

7. Be creative in finding ways to meditate.



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Pouring truth with ink and pen,
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Trusted guide from age to age.

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Teach us truth and light the way,
Change our hearts, renew our minds,
Holy Bible, Book divine.

Cameron Pollock

Suggested Resources:

His Word in My Heart—Janet Pope

New Morning Mercies: A Daily Gospel Devotional

—Paul David Tripp

What Do I Know about My God?—Mardi Collier

The 17:18 Series