

Absorption of God's Truth (9-16)

1. Attention (9)
 - a. Link with vv. 1-8. The Longing to be integrated into the Word and the Word to be integrated into oneself is not automatic but progressive. It is intentional. The more one is disciplined by the Word and into the Word, the more absorption and thus integration occurs.
 - b. The objective is a pure pathway and the means is adherence to God's revelation →
 - c. The Hebrew synonyms dabhar & imrah which are translated "word" indicate God's revealed truth.
2. Dedication (10)
 - a. "With all my heart" & "determined" = commitment to obtaining the objective. The objective of a pure life requires whole-hearted devotion which connotes mental, emotional, volitional intent.
 - b. Reality is that we (in our society) are aware that we are not fully devoted nor emotionally elated in Scripture and thus the psalmist's cry/plea for God's intervention (8).
3. Memorization (11)
 - a. I think we understand that "hiding His word in our hearts" means knowing it well in our minds.
 - b. If not verse memorization – we need to be intimate w/ its meaning, intent, and clarity of its application.
4. Instruction (12)
 - a. Knowing how blessed God's essence and nature is, a natural desire for His instruction and direction is met in His revealed word of promises.
5. Expression (13)
 - a. More than recitation, we apply the Word (which is recounted from our lips because they are sourced from His 'mouth.')
 - b. Though I fall way too short of precise memorization, I delight in recounting His truths and expressing His nature. I love to tell the story of Christ and the Gospel of redemption. →
6. Satisfaction (14)
 - a. Dwelling in His precepts are not burdensome but liberating and satisfying.
 - b. Such a practice is treasured and leads to richness of life (abundant).
 - c. God's precepts, commands, testimonies are treasured truths which enhance life!
7. Meditation (15)
 - a. The treasures found in the mines of God's Word are richer the deeper one digs.
 - b. Meditation (musing) indicates a thoughtful consideration of the deep intent and application of it.
 - c. We can continue to mine deeper and deeper into God's precepts because their origin is eternal, their motives are pure, their principles are profound, their values are elite, and their expression is charity.
 - d. They communicate ultimate truth and thus their (testimonies) yield incomparable and unsurpassable philosophy, theology, and psychology.
8. Elation (16)

- a. Our lack of commitment to memorization, prayer, fasting, and such can be discouraging but can we be encouraged by our desire for justice, truth, and love's expression?
- b. Do you love to see ministry? Do you love to hear the Word faithfully preached? Do you desire to see the salvation of others? Do you respond to the urgency of immediate repentance? Do you have a commitment to stand and proclaim the message of Jesus Christ?