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Monday

Psa. 119:98 Your commandments make me wiser than my enemies,
For they are ever mine.

Psa. 119:99 I have more insight than all my teachers,
For Your testimonies are my meditation.

Do you wish to be wise and victorious? The knowledge and practice of God's word is the key. The Psalmist knew it and could claim to be wiser than the wise. To the extent that you know and practice the word of God, you will be wise and successful. Pursuing such knowledge must never end. The wise will ever be seeking and growing in the knowledge of the Bible. Obedience to the word must be ever prodded in our lives. Too easy, we become distracted and content with our own disobedience to God's precepts. How are you growing in the word?

Tuesday

Psa. 119:103 How sweet are Your words to my taste!
Yes, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

Attitude isn't everything, but it is a large portion of the thing. What is your attitude toward God's word? To some it is a 'law book' of despised commands. To some it is a 'neglected book' of irrelevant information. To some it is a holy book, but seldom ever used. This Psalm reveals a beloved book of insight and promise, of wisdom and victory, of power and of direction. Make a new commitment to hearing the word, knowing the word, obeying the word. It will become to you sweeter than honey and more important than gold.

Wednesday

Psa. 119:9 How can a young man keep his way pure?
By keeping it according to Your word.

Psa. 119:10 With all my heart I have sought You;
Do not let me wander from Your commandments.

How do you react when facing a command or instruction in God's word that does not fit into your plans, your comfort level, or your convenience? Such instruction may confront sinful relationships or our attitudes toward another. Sometimes God's word instructs submission, a despised concept to the world's standards. Sometimes we are called upon to give up 'rights' and accept responsibilities that we would rather not. Have you developed patterns for detouring, ignoring, explaining away, or deflecting God's word? These are dangerous patterns to be confessed before the throne and forsaken. Will you do so today?

Thursday

Psa. 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Like a lantern, the word of God only illuminates the next step forward, or at the most, two or three. Until we have taken the first steps we cannot see others. We fear the awaiting darkness, but we cannot know further illumination until we first take the steps already illuminated. We desire to know more, but we must first make use of present instruction. Are you seeking tomorrow's light without being obedient to today's instruction? Determine to be obedient to light already revealed.

Friday

Psa. 119:25 My soul cleaves to the dust; Revive me according to Your word.

Does your soul cleave to dust? How about your marriage? How about your life? The Psalmist realized that when life stinks, there must be something wrong with his relationship to God's word. Difficult circumstances are God's classroom and God's word is the course of study. You will successfully find your way only as you follow God's prescription. Avoidance is perilous. Attitudes not shaped by the word will become our downfall. Pray to the Lord, "Revive me according to your word." Now search the word and be obedient. Make application to your own life and not to that of another. Ask, "What instruction do you have for me?"