

The Word

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I. Introduction.

- A. When you experience disappointment, where would you and God stand?
- B. We can keep from sinning by storing up God's Word in our hearts. (Psalm 119:11)
- C. We sin by being disobedient to God or by distrusting him.

II. How we store God's word in our hearts. (Psalm 1; Matthew 5)

A. Delight in the Word of God (the attitude). (2 Timothy 3:16)

- 1. We should approach the Bible as a love relationship with the Lord. (Isaiah 53:6; Psalm 119:10)
- 2. Wisdom is more precious than gold and sweeter than honey. It must be mined from God's Word regularly. (Proverbs 8:10-11)

B. Meditate on it continually (the action).

- 1. To meditate means to ponder.
- 2. This seems impractical when we are so busy, but our minds have time to think upon things throughout the day.
- 3. Our thoughts about business or school will be influenced by our thoughts about the Bible.

III. Results.

- A. The person who has meditated upon God's Word is blessed.
- B. The person who does not root himself in God's Word is blown away.

Application questions:

1. How can we foster a greater desire for God's Word?

2. What is your plan for getting into God's Word regularly?

3. What are some creative ways you can use your time to meditate on God's Word regularly?
