

Outline

"Give me understanding and I will obey your instructions; I will put them into practice with all my heart!" Psalm 119:34

I. The Authority of the Word.

*Joyful are people of integrity,
who follow the instructions of the Lord.*

² *Joyful are those who obey his laws
and search for him with all their hearts.*

³ *They do not compromise with evil,
and they walk only in his paths.*

⁴ *You have charged us
to keep your commandments carefully. (vss. 1-4)*

Its Eternality & Timelessness

*I will keep on obeying your instructions
forever and ever. (vs. 44)*

*I have known from my earliest days
that your laws will last forever. (vs. 152)*

In Its Entirety

*The very essence of your words is truth;
all your just regulations will stand forever. (vs. 160)*

All your commands are trustworthy. (vs. 86)

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Why We Should Trust It Over Culture

You made me; you created me.

Now give me the sense to follow your commands.(vs. 73)

*"I will never forget your commandments,
for by them you give me life." (vs. 93)*

II. The Power of God's Word.

Your commands make me wiser than my enemies,... Yes, I have more insight than my teachers,.. I am even wiser than my elders, (vss. 98-100)

*I will walk in freedom,
for I have devoted myself to your commandments.(vs. 45)*

Intimacy with God

III. The Secret to God's Word.

*I pant with expectation,
longing for your commands. (vs. 131)*

*Oh, how I love your instructions!
I think about them all day long. (vs. 97)*

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Your laws are wonderful.

No wonder I obey them!

*¹³⁰ The teaching of your word gives light,
so even the simple can understand.*

*¹³¹ I pant with expectation,
longing for your commands.*

*¹³² Come and show me your mercy,
as you do for all who love your name.*

*¹³³ Guide my steps by your word,
so I will not be overcome by evil.*

*¹³⁴ Ransom me from the oppression of evil people;
then I can obey your commandments.*

*¹³⁵ Look upon me with love;
teach me your decrees. (vss. 129-135)*