

# Mindset

## Psalm 119:9-11, 105

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### A. Remain Sober (vs. 9; 1 Peter 1:13-16):

1. Keep – To keep God's Word is to not allow our emotions, past experiences or various ways of thinking stop us from remembering what His Word says or from obeying Him.
2. The way – When the Psalmist mentions 'way,' he is referring to a lifestyle that is like a well-trodden path through a forest (life challenges) or a garden clearly defining whether we are people of integrity, upright or godly. In other words, in the course of doing those things the young man repeatedly does what is the best way to maintain his integrity, uprightness or godly living in a world that is totally contrary to all of it.
3. Pure - To remain consistently morally healthy can be a challenge especially for a young man. This is critical to the young man living consistently righteous. Preserving this focus when there are passions and constant distractions is a challenge in a world that is morally lawless.
4. Keeping it – The young man must hold to God's Word whenever everything else internally and externally says to do otherwise.
5. Your Word – The young man must see the Lord's Word as divine truth that came directly from God so that to obey the Word is to submit to the sovereign authority of the Lord in all his ways. (Proverbs 3:5-6).
6. With all my heart – With the totality of our innermost feelings, wisdom and understanding we must in every respect put every effort into experiencing the Holy Spirit's work in our lives if we are going to keep ourselves morally sound based on the Word of God (2 Tim. 2:23).
7. I sought thee – We must completely surrender to inquiring of the Lord, seeking to learn about Him and to surrender our mind or emotions to His will. This is because the flesh is totally contrary to the Spirit of God's influence on our spirit (Galatians 5:16-18). It takes a determinative effort to put off the old man (Ephesians 4:17-21).
8. Do not let me wander – Seeking the Lord with every intention should be countered with a request to the Lord that we do not function without purpose in a lifestyle that is contrary to what He is requiring of us (2 Timothy 2:22). This word means to intentionally

go in the wrong direction even if what we decide to do has no purpose or it misleads others to do what is wrong.

9. Your commandments – Because we live in sinful flesh and can repeatedly sin (Romans 8:14-21), we must seek the Lord so that, through the ministry of the Holy Spirit, He can remind us of His Word (John 14:26), convict us when we do wrong (John 16:7-11) therefore strengthening us so that we do not aimlessly live disrespecting His authority by forsaking His moral will.

## **B. View the Word as User Friendly (vs. 11-12):**

1. Your Word I have treasured - The commandments of the Lord, the teaching of the Lord must become priceless in value so that we determinatively seek to store it up in our minds, with the help of the Holy Spirit (John 14:26) so that it guides, directs and rules our lives. When we do so it demonstrates how much we value the Word of God.

2. In my heart – The Word must be of significant value because our deepest innermost emotions can cause us to neglect what the Lord is saying especially when things are stressful. The Word must be more than just information. It needs to become our passion.

3. I may not sin – We must purpose in our hearts to treasure God's Word in our hearts so that we do not continuously violate the Word of God to the point it becomes our normal course of life. Paul tells us not to become slaves to sin (Romans 6:12-14 – we cannot present the members of our bodies to sin – eyes – Matthew 6:23; mind – Romans 12:2; tongue – James 3:1-12; hands – 1 Timothy 2:8) since our old self has been crucified in Christ (Romans 6:6-7; we are His workmanship – Ephesians 2:8-10) with the Holy Spirit living in us (Ephesians 3:16) providing us strength to obey the Word so that we 'work out our salvation in fear and trembling.' (Philippians 2:12-13).

4. Your Word Is a lamp – The Word must be stored up for the purpose of guiding and directing our lives. Because Jesus is the light (John 1:5-7), in the New Testament we can view Him as the lamp that keeps burning so that we can 'walk in the light as He is in the light,' He becomes the lamp He never goes out constantly guiding us through the darkness of the world.

5. A light – The Lord providing wisdom, discernment or understanding (light) in midst of temptation and the many distractions on social media blesses us to experience the

working out of our salvation, prosperity and direction (light) rather than the negative effects of a sinful life.

6. My path – Everyone's manner of living is unique and particular to their way of life. Their passions, ambitions, academic pursuits and family life may be very different. No matter how different they may be, it should all be influenced and directed by the Word of God. When the Word directs this no matter what trouble they may encounter or decisions, the Word would be the light all the way through the tunnel which in turn blesses them to be successful (Joshua 1:5-9). This in turn becomes the believer's lifestyle pattern.