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## Soul Rx

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#### **Psalm 119 "God's Word"**

Nothing overcomes apathy for the Word of God like an appetite for the God of that Word. The more you are overwhelmed by the relentless love of God for you, the more you will be relentless in your love for Him & His Word.

#### **How Should I THINK About God's Word?**

V9 "Your word" v7 "righteous laws" - Teach the inspiration and infallibility of the Bible.

V1 "Law" v5 "decrees" v6 "commands" - Teach the supreme, binding authority of the Bible.

V2a "Statutes" v4 "precepts" - Teach the sufficiency of the Bible.

V3 "His ways" v11 "promise" - Teach the message and purpose of the Bible.

#### **How Should I FEEL About God's Word?**

V14 Delight = display jubilant joy as one who finds great riches. (vv16, 24, 35, 47, 70, 77, 92, 143, 162, 174)

V20 Longing = my soul is going to die if I don't hear from God. (vv40, 81, 82, 123, 131-pant)

Vv47-48 Love = deep affection for God's Word. (vv97, 113, 119, 127, 140, 159, 163, 165, 167)

V103 Sweet = like enjoying my favorite dessert.

V136 Tears = sadness because people don't keep your law.

#### **What Should I DO With God's Word?**

(1) Prayerfully depend on the Holy Spirit, to vv12, 18

(2) First study, analyze & memorize Scripture, then to vv7, 11, 13

(3) Meditate on it until vv5, 15, 23

(4) We take deep delight in our privileges and v25 life v28 strength v29 kept from false ways v32 frees my heart v38 God is feared v39 turn away disgrace v42 answer the one who taunts vv41, 124 covenant love v124 discernment v128 hate every false way v130 gives light & understanding v133 no sin rules over me v135 God's face shines

(5) Experience His presence, so that we can vv2, 10

(6) Obey and live out Scripture fully, vv1-4

(7) Because of a permanent change in our heart's character. Vv1, 9, 11



# Growing

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- 1) There's no greater prescription for what ails our soul than deep communion with God. What is deep communion with God & what role does God's Word play? How would you motivate someone who is apathetic about God's Word?
- 2) Read Psalm 119:1-24. What would you say is the Psalmist's general attitude toward God's Word? What are the nine different names given for God's Word in this text? What does each of these names tell us about God's Word?
- 3) What kind of feelings should this accurate & high view of God's Word stir up in your heart? Review the five different verses & feelings the Psalmist is experiencing in regards to God's Word. Which one(s) resonate with you?
- 4) When we read the Bible like a how-to manual, we forget that it is not mainly about what we have to do to reach happiness. Rather, it is about what God has done to save us and give us happiness. Why do we have to believe, rejoice, and rest in what God has done before we can behave in a certain way?
- 5) Review the seven steps along with scripture references to life-changing Bible study. How do these steps progressively build on one another? What can you do this next week to make God's Word a higher priority in your life? Pray.