

Look In Your Bible And See What You'll Find

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Archie Wortham is an adjunct professor at St. Phillips college and writes a weekly column for the San Antonio Observer and has a web site "Fathers Helping Fathers." In one of his columns he tells about his friend, Larcene Bowers, who shared this story with him.

It seem Larcene's son had left for college. Being concerned about his spiritual welfare she sent him a Bible. She told him to read it when he needed answers. When times were tough. When he needed help. It in he would find what he needed most at that time.

One day her son called home and said he needed some money. His mother said she understood. Then asked if he was reading his Bible. He assured her that he was. This went on for a little while. He would call and ask for money. She would ask, "Are you reading your Bible?" He would respond,, "Yes ma'am, I'm reading my bible." And his mother would reply, "Then you got all you need."

At some point the boy realized that his mother knew he wasn't reading his Bible. Whether it was from guilt or genuine remorse, one day he picked it up and started reading. In it he found faith. Hope. God's guidance. Oh, and one more thing....money! His mother had stashed all kinds of money throughout the pages of his Bible!

He learned there was value in reading his bible!

Psalms 119 speaks of the Psalmist's need, love and esteem for God's revelation. This unique Psalm has 22 stanzas with 8 lines each. It is an acrostic using the Hebrew alphabet and each line begins with the same letter. Nine synonyms are used for God's Word. Briefly consider these 9 words as you think about the worth of bible reading.

1. Word. It keeps us morally clean (v.9). It directs our steps (v.11). It in is great treasure (v.162). When we store it up in our hearts, it keeps us from sin (v.9).

2. Commandments. They signify the right of authority. They compel us. Require our obedience. Dictate our actions. They give us wisdom (v.98)

3. Law. This implies sovereignty and suggests the reign of the King. When we are directed by it we will hate lawlessness (v. 163, 113, 53)

4. Way. God's Word is God's way. It speaks to His nature. It is a higher way. A nobler way. A spiritual way. In it we will experience revival (v. 37).

5. Testimonies. A testimony is a solemn declaration. When we are guided by them, we will find joy and delight (v. 24, 14, and 111).

6. Precepts. This has to do with trust. We can trust God's precepts. They give us life and liberty (v. 93, 45)

7. Judgments. Rightness and righteousness are vital to God's judgments. When I walk in them, I can know I'm walking the right way. (V. 7, 62, 106)

8. Statutes. The word means a definite, prescribed, written law. The moral law of God is engraved on our hearts. His statutes allow to live a life without shame (v. 80)

9. Truth. God's Word is truth (v. 151). When we are directed by it, we will accept all of it. (v.160).

9 words. 1 point. God's Word is awesome. If you're looking for a way to add value to your life, to receive spiritual riches and to acquire a wealth of wisdom, look in your Bible. You never know what'll you find that will enrich your life!

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