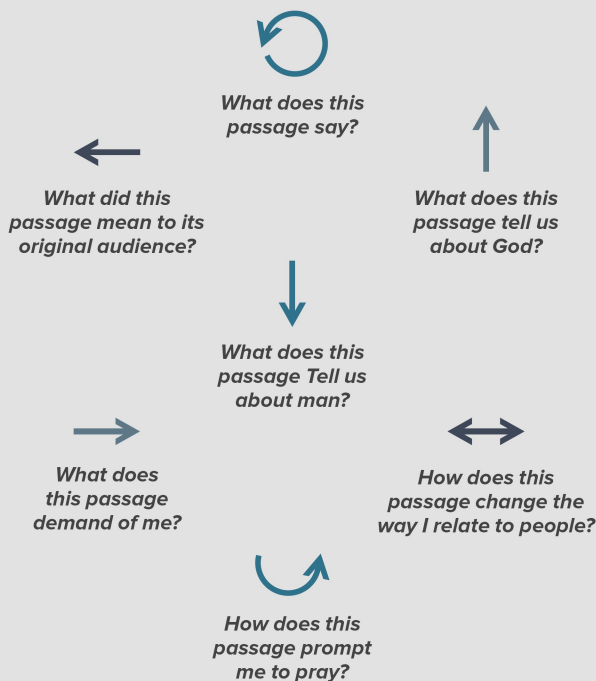


# DAILY DEVOTIONS



## The 7 Arrows of Bible Reading



## Day One PSALM 119:9

God's people are called to lives of purity, keeping ourselves from being polluted or defiled by the values of the world (Jas. 1:27). The author of this psalm asked the question, "How can a young man keep his way pure?" He knew the importance of living a life of purity before God. After all, God had promised to bless those who lived pure lives of obedience, but for those who disobeyed according to the ways of the world, God promised a curse (Deut. 11:26-28). Every person wants to be happy—an idea closely related to the blessings of God. However, not nearly as many are willing to live lives of purity according to God's standards. If we want to be blessed, we must live lives of purity, and we do this by knowing God's Word and living it out from day to day.

➤ **Why is God so concerned with our living pure lives?**

➤ **What are ways people today defile themselves? What are the consequences?**

## Day Two

# PSALM 119:10

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The psalmist asked about purity not because he was curious, but because he longed desperately to live in a way that pleased God. He wanted to live up to God's standards of purity with all of his heart. Many people today commit to purity, often specifically within physical relationships. However purity reaches far beyond this one context. Purity applies to every part of our lives—dating, entertainment, language, thoughts, desires, and more. The psalmist wanted more than anything else to please God through living a pure life. We are to devote ourselves to living this same way, praying continually that God would give us healthy desires as we devote ourselves to Him.

- **Where do you identify impurity in your life?**
- **How would seeking God with all your heart affect this?**

## Day Three

# PSALM 119:11-12

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When we think of treasure, the image that often comes to mind is of a chest with the lid cracked open and jewels spilling out. We imagine this as treasure because these things are seen as valuable in our world. Treasure refers specifically to those things to which we ascribe worth—the things we treasure. For some, riches are their treasure because that's what they value most. For others, what's most important is family, clothes, cars, image and social status, freedom to do as they please, and many other things. The psalmist expressed that the thing he valued most was God's Word. He knew that the things of the world will never satisfy the deepest longings of the soul, and though we may be tempted to believe "stuff" will make us happy, it will ultimately leave us empty. If we want to be truly blessed, we must learn to treasure the Scriptures as the psalmist did—this is the only way to experience God's blessing in our lives.

- **When you honestly evaluate your life, what do you treasure most?**
- **When have you seen that valuing the things of the world leave us empty? When have you experienced satisfaction from God's Word?**

## Day Four

# PSALM 119:13-14

The psalmist had not only committed himself to a life of purity, but he was also committed to telling anyone who would listen about the joys associated with living for God. For those who are a part of God's family, we've experienced firsthand the blessings of belonging to God. We once lived in darkness, but now we're children of the light. We were once hopeless, but now we have hope for eternity because of Jesus. We were once desperately lost with no way back to God, but we've been found and restored back to a place of safety and security. We were once children of wrath, but now we have God's favor and blessings upon our lives. To keep this kind of news to ourselves would be self-centered and against the spirit of the gospel. Because we've experienced God's blessings, we should naturally be motivated to proclaim the beauties of God's truth to others that they would share in the blessings of God.

➤ **What motivates you to share the gospel with others?**

➤ **When have you experienced joy by helping others experience joy in Christ?**

## Day Five

# PSALM 119:15-16



Have you ever been so excited about something (or someone) that you couldn't get it off your mind? The psalmist had that experience too, and the thing that captured his attention was the Word of God. To meditate means to think deeply, to dwell on something with our thoughts or contemplate an idea. The Word of God is the way we know God and know what He expects of us, and because it's our means to a relationship with God, there's nothing more valuable in all the world. When we learn to see the Scriptures this way, it will capture our attention, and we'll find that God's Truth is always on our minds.

➤ **When have you had an experience where you couldn't stop thinking about something or someone?**

➤ **Why did the psalmist have this experience in relation to God's Word? How can you see God's Word more like this?**