

The Wisdom of a Leader

A leader must be well acquainted with the Scriptures for the purpose of effectively guiding and shepherding God's flock (2 Tim. 3:15-17). He must be devoted to nourishing himself daily in the words of faith and with good doctrine (1 Tim. 4:6-8) so that he will be equipped with the discernment to biblically guide those under his care. Spend some time this week thinking through Psalm 119 and ask the Lord to make you a man who is devoted to the Word of God.

Read Psalm 119:9-11

How does God's Word guard your way and keep you pure (v. 9)?

What does it look like practically to seek God with your "whole heart" when your schedule is consumed with fulfilling other commitments and being faithful with other responsibilities (v. 10)?

How can you "store up" God's Word in your heart so that you will not sin against God (v. 11)?

Read Psalm 119:97

What do you love more than God's Word that prevents your thoughts from being absolutely saturated and consumed with the truth of the Scriptures?

How can you practically meditate on God's Word throughout the entire day?

Read Psalm 119:105-106

How can the Word of God literally illuminate your path each day? What can inhibit you from having your path lit with the Scriptures?

Prayerfully consider making a commitment (i.e. oath) to God to constantly think and live according to His commandments (cf. Ecc. 5:1-2).

