



Why Hide the Word? Part 2

Lesson 3

What Is the Hidden Word?

*A Christlike discipline **empowered** by the Spirit and **encouraged** with accountability that **equips** us to **retain** God's Word in our hearts to **recall, reflect, and recite** it in the future as a mean of **promoting growth, guarding our hearts, and imparting grace** to ourselves and others!*

Why Hide the Word?

[See Chart.]

The Stimulus: Five More Benefits of the Hidden Word!

5. The Hidden Word Will **REMINDE** Us for **Prevention**. Deuteronomy 6:1-15

Remember the **WORD** of the Lord to remember the **LORD** of the Word,
so you fear Him, serve Him, and obey Him above all others!

*Apathy toward the Lord is a result of amnesia!
Not fearing the Lord is due to forgetting His Word!*

The Hidden Word Will Remind Us to Not Forget the Lord When Life Is Good!

- Don't forget to **SERVE** the Lord. (vv. 12-15)
- Don't forget to **SUCCEED** with the Lord. (Joshua 1:8)
- Don't forget to **SUBMIT** to the Lord. Ps 119 4-6, 17, 34, 44-45, 59-60, 106, 145

6. The Hidden Word Will **MOTIVATE** Us for **Pondering & Perceiving**. Joshua 1:8; Psalm 1:1-3

"Muttering" leads to memorizing and memorizing leads to "muttering"!

The Hidden Word Will Motivate Us to Meditate on God's Wisdom Whenever and Wherever!

"Unless you memorize Scripture you will not meditate on it day and night." – John Piper

- **WHAT** do we meditate on?
 1. God's **WORD**. Joshua 1:8; Ps 119 – Acrostic Psalm for Memorizing & Meditating!
 2. God's **WILL** for Our Walk. Ps 119:1, 35, 45; cf. 1:1-2; 40:8; 86:11; 143:8, 10
 3. God's **WAYS**. Ps 119:5-6, 15, 27, 29-31, 33, 104; 27:11; 32:8; 86:11; cf. 27:11; 32:8; 86:11
 4. God's **WORKS/WONDERS**. Ps 119:27; 77:12; 143:5; 145:5
 5. God **WHOLLY**. Ps 119:55, 132; 27:4; 145:5
- **WHERE** Do We Meditate? Ps 4:4; 63:6, 27:4
- **WHEN** Do We Meditate? Joshua 1:8; Ps 119:97, 148; 63:6; 77:6

*"They usually thrive best
who meditate the most!"
– Thomas Brooks*

“The reason we come away so cold from reading the Word is because we do not warm ourselves at the fire of meditation.” –Thomas Watson

The Fire of Meditation

- Gives off more **LIGHT**. Ps 119:18, 24, 27, 97-100, 104, 125, 130
- Gives off more **HEAT**. Ps 119:29, 43, 66, 105, 160

7. The Hidden Word Will **GUIDE** Us for *Pursuing & Parenting*. Ps 119:105; Deuteronomy 6:6-9

- Guidance on pursuing **GODLINESS**. Ps 119:105, 35

“For a man without the Word is a blind man without a guide.” – Puritan Richard Rogers

- Guidance in Godly **PARENTING**. Deuteronomy 6:6-9; 4:9; 11:18-21

1. **HIDE** God’s Word in your own heart first. (v. 6)
“These words that I am giving you today are to be in your heart.” (v. 6) ESV
2. **IMPRESS/INSCRIBE** God’s Word on your children.
“You shall teach them diligently to your children...” (v. 7a) “Impress them on your children.” NIV
3. **APPLY** God’s Word with your children.
“and shall talk of them...” (vv. 7b-9)

Four Prime Times to Apply the Hidden Word with Your Children

- Dinner time – *“when you sit in your house”*
 - Drive time – *“when walk by the way”*
 - Bedtime – *“when you lie down”*
 - Wake time – *“when you rise up”*
 - Any time – *“You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.”*
 - All the time – *“You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.”*
4. **RETAIN** God’s Word for your children’s children.
“You shall bind them...You shall write them...” (vv. 8a, 9a)

8. The Hidden Word Will **TRANSFORM** Us for *Pleasure*. Psalm 40:8; 119:16

“I delight to do Your will, O my God, And Your law is within my heart.” Psalms 40:8
“I will delight myself in Your statutes; I will not forget Your word. Psalms 119:16

- Greater **JOY** in the Word. Ps 119:14, 16, 24, 35, 47, 56, 70, 77, 92, 97, 111, 127, 143, 162, 174
- Greater **LOVE** for the Word. Ps 119:47-48, 97, 113, 119, 127, 132, 159, 163, 165, 167
- Greater **CONTENTMENT** with the Word. Psalm 119:14, 19, 57, 72, 103, 127, 162
- Greater **LONGING** for the Word. Ps 119:20, 81, 123, 131, 174

9. The Hidden Word Will **ENLARGE** Us for *Praising*. Psalm 119:32

“I shall run the way of Your commandments, For You will enlarge my heart.” Psalm 119:32

- A bigger heart for greater **THANKS** to God. Ps 119:7, 164, 171-172, 175
- A bigger heart for greater **FEAR** of God. Ps 119:38, 41, 55, 68, 89-91, 114, 137-138, 142, 152, 160, 166

Enlarge Our Hearts to Give Thanks with Great Reverence in God’s Presence!



“Our memory is like a bank. It is a treasure house from which we draw in times of need. What we draw from it depends on what we have deposited in it. The larger and more worthy the investment, the greater and more valuable the resource available. The earlier you start and the more often you deposit Scripture on your memory bank, the greater your dividend will be. But it’s never too late to start.”
– Kenneth G. Hanna

WHY HIDE GOD'S WORD in YOUR HEART?

"Your word I have hidden in my heart..." Psalm 119:11

The STRUGGLE: Why Don't We Hide God's Word in Our Hearts?

Issue of PERCEPTION	Issue of EXERTION	Issue of UTILIZATION	Issue of MOTIVATION
The STIMULUS: Why Hide God's Word in Our Hearts?			
It's a Gracious Means...	For a Gracious End...	With a Godly Purpose!	Where in Psalm 119?
1. It Will CLEANSE Us.	To be cleansed where you need it most: the heart!	PURIFICATION	Confession & Cleansing: 9-11, 59, 118-119, 176
2. It Will ARM Us.	To resist the devil & pursue godliness whenever & wherever.	PROTECTION	Resist the Devil & Flee Temptation: 36-37, 101-102, 104, 113-117, 126-128, 133, 155, 163; also Matthew 4:1-11 Pursue Godliness: 2-3, 9, 63, 80, 133, 140, 168
3. It Will PREPARE Us	To trust the Lord when life is hard and under attack.	PERSEVERANCE	To Endure Suffering & Persecution: 25, 28, 49-52, 54-55, 69, 75-76, 107, 114, 143, 145-152, 156-159, 161, 169-170, 173 To Remain Steadfast: 5, 23, 33, 40, 51, 61, 67, 69-71, 83-84, 92-93, 109-110, 149, 154, 156, 165 To Wait for Vindication: 21-22, 31-32, 39, 82-88, 94-95, 121-122, 134, 153-154
4. It Will FILL Us.	To impart grace when encouraging, exhorting, & evangelizing.	PROCLAMATION	Lips & Life with Zeal & Brokenness: 12-13, 43, 46, 53, 74, 78-79, 136, 139 also Colossians 3:16; Ephesians 4:29; 5:15-21
5. It Will REMIND Us.	To not forget the Lord when life is good.	PREVENTION	Remembering: Deuteronomy 6:1-15; Ps 119 Acrostic For Serving: Deuteronomy 6:12-15 For Succeeding: Joshua 1:8 For Submitting: 4-6, 17, 29-31, 29-31, 34, 44-45, 59-60, 106, 145
6. It Will MOTIVATE Us.	To meditate on God and His wisdom whenever & wherever.	PONDERING & PERCEIVING	Ponder God's Word: 15, 23, 48, 78, 99, 148 God's Will: 1, 10, 35, 45 God's Ways: 5-6, 15, 27, 29-31, 33, 104 God's Works: 27; cf. 77:12; 143:5; 145:5 God Wholly: 55, 132, Psalm 27:4; 145:5 Perceive with Greater Wisdom: 18, 24, 27, 73, 97-100, 104, 125, 130 Perceive with Greater Discernment: 29, 43, 66, 105, 160
7. It Will GUIDE Us.	To apply God's wisdom whenever & wherever.	PURSUING & PARENTING	Guidance on a Godly Path: 35, 105; Psalm 1:1-3 Guidance in Godly Parenting: Deuteronomy 6:6-9; 4:9; 11:18-21
8. It Will TRANSFORM Us.	To transform our desires to delight in doing His will.	PLEASURE	Heart's Delight: 16 Greater Joy: 14, 16, 24, 35, 47, 56, 70, 77, 92, 97, 111, 127, 143, 162, 174 Greater Love: 47-48, 97, 113, 119, 127, 132, 159, 163, 165, 167 Greater Contentment: 14, 19, 57, 72, 103, 127, 162 Greater Longing: 20, 81, 123, 131, 174
9. It Will ENLARGE Us.	To give thanks with great reverence in God's presence.	PRAISING	Enlarge Our Hearts: 32 To Thank God: 7, 62, 164, 171-172, 175 To Fear God: 38, 41, 55-56, 68, 89-91, 114, 137-138, 142, 152, 160, 166

Hidden Word Application • Lesson 3



1. What made the biggest impact on you from today's lesson? What is the Holy Spirit leading you to apply in your life?

2. As a believer how are you doing when it comes to hiding God's Word in your heart and getting it inside you?
 - Like Barney Fife I only have "one bullet" in the pocket of my heart.
 - Like Rambo I have a lot of ammo strapped to my heart.
 - I will begin the process of hiding more of God's Word in my heart.

Who could you begin to pray about asking to be your "Memorization Partner"?

3. As a parent how are you doing when it comes to hiding God's Word in your heart and getting it inside your kids?
 - I need to begin *hiding* God's Word in my own heart.
 - I need to begin *impressing* God's Word on my children's hearts.
 - I need to begin *applying* God's Word with my children – *whenever and wherever we need it.*
 - I need to begin *praying* God's Word for my children and my children's children.

4. As a parent how can you begin to use the Four Primetimes to get the Word inside of you and your kids on a daily basis?
 - At **Dinner Time** we will _____
 - At **Drive Time** we will _____
 - At **Bedtime** we will _____
 - At **Wake Time** we will _____

The Hidden Word for This Week

Review and recite **Psalm 119:10-11** once a day for five days this week.

Read **Psalm 119:9** aloud **5 times** in the **morning** and **5 times** in the **evening** every day this week!

(Use whatever translation you prefer to memorize, which may or may not be the one you prefer to read the most.)