

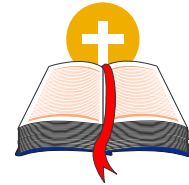


Do You Treasure God's Word?



David, the psalm writer, said to God, “*Your Word have I hidden (to lay up as a treasure) in my heart (my thoughts, my feelings, my intelligence, my understanding) so that I will not sin against you.*” (Psalm 119:11)

Do you treasure the Word of God like David did? When we treasure something we take ownership of it – we say IT’S MINE! We take very good care of it – protect it – insure it against theft or destruction – we keep it (hide it) in a safe place – where nothing can happen to it.



2 Corinthians 4:7 says that “*we have this treasure (this knowledge of the Word of God) in earthen vessels (our bodies) that are made from the elements of earth.*” Do you take ownership of that Word that is in you? Do you guard and protect it, or do you violate it with your mouth – speaking words of unbelief and doubt as though God’s promises aren’t really true.

How often do you find yourself saying, “I’m afraid to . . . for fear it might not work” or “I know the Bible says I’m . . . but I can’t believe it.” Those are words of fear, and fear steals God’s words of faith. Faith that He is who He says He is and He will do what He says He will do now and forever. “*Heaven and earth will pass away, but My Words will never pass away.*” (Matthew 24:35)

How do you protect the Word of God in you from theft? The word theft comes from the original word “klepto,” where we get our word “kleptomaniac” from. The “kleptomaniac” who is always hanging around trying to steal the Word of God out of us is the devil. Do you refuse to surrender your precious treasure to the devil, or do you give in to fear, doubt and unbelief every time something happens to you?

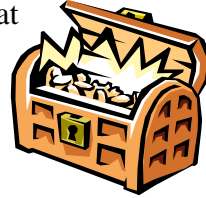


Do you snatch it out of the fiery trials that come your way by clutching it to your heart – refusing to let it be burned out of you, and consumed by the heat of the troubles and temptations that come against you?

Do you keep it in a safe place where it can’t accidentally fall to the ground to be trampled by unbelieving and ungodly people? “*Don’t give that which is holy unto dogs, and don’t throw your pearls before pigs because they will trample them under their feet and turn and attack you.*” (Matthew 7:6)

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Where can you keep this priceless treasure that is safe? There is only one place for it – the safest place in the world where no one can get to it but you! That place is in your mind! No one can steal your treasure there. You are the only one who can have access to your pearls of wisdom, the diamonds of knowledge, the rubies of understanding, and all the other precious gold and jewels of God's Word you have stored in there.



It will never get lost in your mind because your mind is spiritual not physical. Your brain is made out of flesh and blood as a physical instrument to process knowledge to your mind. Your brain will die when your body does, but your mind (your memory, your will, your ability to reason, your thinking, perceiving and intelligence) will live forever because it is a part of your soul (your mind, will, and emotions) and your soul goes to be with God when your body dies. *"The Word of the Lord endures forever!"* (1 Peter 1:25)



Because your mind belongs to the spiritual part of you, this is where the devil and the Holy Spirit speak to you. Your mind is the battlefield to protect the treasure within you. The good news is that the very Word of God inside of you gives you the instructions for victory! The battle is already won. The devil is already defeated. Jesus came in the flesh to destroy (to loose, melt and dissolve) the words of the devil. We can't lose – the battle was won by the Word of God in the flesh, (Jesus) and the Word of God in our mind.

Your mind is where you know and understand God. Godly wisdom comes from your mind where your thoughts are. You don't have to fight when you see the works of the enemy in your life – you just have to stand and use your greatest weapon against that defeated foe, - the shield of your faith and the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God within you.



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2. How do we violate God's Word in us?

3. If heaven and earth pass away, what happens to God's Word?

4. Why is the devil a "kleptomaniac?"

5. What should you do with this treasure to protect it?

6. Where is the one and only place it is completely safe?

7. How do you know you won't lose it if you keep it there?

8. If you sometime have to fight to protect it, where is the battlefield?

9. What are the only weapons you need against the devil?

10. Why is it important to keep God's Word in our heart? (Psalm 119:11)
(The answer to this question will be your memory verse)

MEMORY VERSE _____

Do You Treasure God's Word?

1. Where does God put the treasure of His Word?

In earthen vessels – His people.

2. How do we violate God's Word in us?

With our mouth.

3. If heaven and earth pass away, what happens to God's Word?

It will never pass away.

4. Why is the devil a "kleptomaniac?"

Because he is always trying to steal God's Word out of us.

5. What should you do with this treasure to protect it?

Keep it in a safe place.

6. Where is the one and only place it is completely safe?

In my mind.

7. How do you know you won't lose it if you keep it there?

Because my mind is part of my soul that lives forever.

8. If you sometime have to fight to protect it, where is the battlefield?

In my mind.

9. What are the only weapons you need against the devil?

My shield of faith and the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God within me.

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MEMORY VERSE "Your Word have I hidden in my heart so that will not sin against You."