



## 2023 Focus: Living by the Word of God

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### *Walking Through Psalm 119*

How to live by the Word of God:

**Psalm 119** is the longest of the Psalms and chapters in the Bible. Every verse exalts God's Word and highlights the impact and importance of God's Word. This Psalm was apparently written while the Psalmist was under great duress. Listen to verses **23**, **42**, **51**, **67**, and **71**. The Psalmist uses the Word to sustain him, encourage him, remind him to correct himself, to keep a correct view of God, and to experience the goodness of God. He teaches us how to live by the Word of God.

In **Psalm 119**, the psalmist uses several different expressions to refer to the Word of God

- law,
- testimonies,
- precepts,
- statutes,
- commandments,
- judgments,
- Word, and
- ordinances.

In every aspect of life, the Word of God dominates his life. From sunrise to sunset, he shows us how the Word of God is the center of his life and how it can be the center of our lives:

- Before dawn (v 147)
- Daily (vs 97)
- All day (v 164)
- Nightly (vs 55, 148)
- At midnight (v62)

**Verse 1** teaches us that the Word of God when correctly applied brings happiness to those who walk in it. Walk in this verse means a habitual pattern of living. This person is happy because the Word of God brings more pleasure than the sweetness of honey (v 103 NLT, NKJV), and is more valuable than money (vs 72 NLT, 127, 162 NLT). This was the experience of the psalmist as he lived by the Word of God.

**Verse 2** – Teaches us the happiness that comes with keeping or obeying the Word of God with your whole heart. The whole heart refers to intellect (reasoning or mind), volition (or will), and emotion (vs 7,10,11,34 NLT).

**Verse 3** – NLT, NKJV – Teaches us that the Word of God keeps us from intentionally sinning or compromising with evil.