

Walking Thru the W's "God's Word: Our Treasure Map"

WORD: What does the Bible say?

This week's verse: Psalm 119:1-2 - "Blessed are those...who walk in the law of the Lord...who seek Him with their whole heart." (ESV)

The verse for Preschoolers: Psalm 119:1-2 - "Blessed are those...who walk in the law of the Lord."

WHISPERS: What truth is God speaking to us through this passage?

"Walk in My Word and seek Me with, not just part of your heart, but your whole heart. I will bless you for this!" - God

WISDOM: How can we pray and seek God about this truth?

"Lord God, what do you have for us when we seek You in Your Word? What does it mean to be 'blessed' and what does Your blessing look like? Help us to understand how to 'Seek You' in Your Word and 'Speak You' always. Amen!"

WELCOMES: What can we learn about this truth?

It is popular to say *#blessed* when something good happens. However, **the Bible teaches that "blessed" is about so much more than a hashtag or a good thing. Being truly "blessed" is a result of having a relationship with God, walking in His way and seeking Him in our lives.** God promises to bless us when we seek Him through His Word. His blessings are our treasures, and His Word is our treasure map to guide us along the way.

WEAVINGS: What else does the Bible say about these truths?

If someone handed you a treasure map that led to a treasure stash in your backyard, what would you do? You would drop everything to follow it and find the treasure, of course!

Well, we may not have a treasure map leading to gold and jewels, but we do have a treasure map for something far greater! Throughout Scripture, God teaches His people the incredible value of His Word. He wants us to pay attention to and obey what He says, and, over and over again, He promises the treasures of His blessing when we do so!

Toward the beginning of the Bible, God told a leader named Joshua:

“Be strong and very courageous, **being careful to do according to all the law... This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it** day and night, so that you may **be careful to do according to all that is written in it**. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.” (Joshua 1:7-8 ESV).

God commanded Joshua to carefully obey His Word, to follow its path and think about it day and night. As Joshua did this, God promised to bless him with, not just “success,” but “good success.” This was just one of the many “treasures” God had for Joshua as he lived his whole life seeking God.

It is the same for all of us who follow God. Jesus said, “Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it” (Luke 11:28 ESV). The word “keep” here means to guard, protect and watch over something - which is exactly what we would do for a valuable treasure map, right?

So what blessing does God’s Word, our “treasure map,” leads us to? The ultimate treasure is knowing God, hearing Him speak to our hearts and experiencing His reality in our lives. As our souls connect with our Creator, we experience something that surpasses anything this world can offer. But God also promises all sorts of other treasures for us along the way, too. These treasures are peace when life is painful (John 14:27), joy when life is sad (Psalm 94:19), and purpose when life feels pointless (Philippians 1:6). God’s treasures are faith, hope and love (1 Corinthians 13). **God’s treasures - or, blessings - are things that money can’t buy, tragedy can’t take away, and poverty can’t deny. God’s treasures are not defined by our circumstances, situations or society. His treasures are beyond our imagination (Ephesians 3:20-21) and without limit (Romans 11:33-36). And these are only the beginning...**

So what do you think? Are you in? If so, start by memorizing the verse passage with this lesson!

WALKING: How can we live out this truth?

Our memory verse says to “Walk in the Law of the Lord.” One way to do this is to intentionally “Seek Him; Speak Him.” God desires families to teach the next generation to treasure His Word, saying:

“These words that I am giving you today are to be in your heart. Repeat them to your children. Talk about them when you sit in your house *and when you walk along the road*, when you lie down and when you get up” (Deuteronomy 6:6-7 CSB, italics added).

As we walk along the road of life, God commands us to simultaneously walk in His Word. Every single book in the Bible contains promises about the treasures of God's blessings, but we cannot know these promises and find these treasures unless we are in the "treasure map" of His Word. This is why it is so important for us to "Seek Him" with our whole heart.

In the days and months to come, see what treasures you can find in God's Word. Thumb through an old Bible to see what treasures you've underlined, or search online "God's promises in the Bible." See if you can find a "treasure" in each book of the Bible - and you're sure to find more than one! You can print the accompanying "Treasures I Have Found in the Bible" page and write the references to the "treasures" of promises that you find! As you "SEEK HIM" and find these, then be sure to "SPEAK HIM" to those He has entrusted to you! Tell the next generation!

Wonders: What questions do we have about this?

What do you usually think of when you hear the word "blessed"? What does "blessed" mean according to Scripture? According to our memory verse, what are the two things God wants us to do? (*walk in His Word; seek Him with our whole hearts*) How is God's Word like a treasure map? (*it guides us to all the things God has for us; it helps us find our way to Him*) What are some of the blessings God gives us when we seek Him? (*love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, redemption, hope, purpose, faith...*)

Worship: How shall we respond to the Lord for these truths?

Worship Through Praise: "Word of God Speak" by Mercy Me
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4JK_6osCH74

Worship through Prayer: Lord God, thank You for giving us Your Word so that we can know You and experience Your blessing in our lives! Open our eyes so that we may see wonderful things in Your Law (Psalm 119:18). We will seek You with our whole hearts; don't let us wander from Your commands (Psalm 119:10). Show us the treasures You have for us along the way, treasures of faith, hope and love, treasures of experiencing You in amazing ways. We love You, Lord! In Jesus' Name, Amen!

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Lord God, may Your Word lead us to the treasures of Your blessings in our lives. In the Name of the greatest Treasure of all, Jesus! Amen!

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