

Divest, Desire and Grow

1 Peter 2:1-3

Psalm 119:11

Your word I have treasured in my heart, that I may not sin against You.

Job 23:12b

I have treasured the words of His mouth more than my necessary food.

Jeremiah 15:16

Your words were found and I ate them, and your words became for me a joy and the delight of my heart

I. Divest of Your Desires - V 1

- Malice – wanting to harm others
- Deceit – Guile
Dishonest – falsehood
- Hypocrisy – various forms of pretense
- Envy – Resent others prosperity
- Slander – speech which disparages others

II. Desire the Word - V 2a

Hebrews 5:12-14

For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is an infant. But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.

Psalm 19:8-9

The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandments of the Lord are pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the judgments of the Lord are true; they are righteous altogether.

III. Word Nourished Growth - V 2b - 3

Psalm 34:8

*O taste and see that the Lord is good;
How blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!*

"The milk of the Word has brought them into direct contact with the Lord who gave them the Word. The true aim of Bible study is never mere mastery of the Bible and theology, but a transforming experience with the Lord Who reveals Himself in His Word."