

God's Strong Word  
Psalm 119  
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**Main Idea:** God's Word is the foundation of our walk with God.

Introduction

The world looks to leaders, kings, presidents, prime ministers and others who are chosen to lead their nations and be a part of the world stage. These leaders rely on those in their government to give them guidance and precedent. They look to their own laws in their own interests and goals to lead. This creates a world full of voices, many of which are contradictory.

But Christians are led by God's Word and the Holy Spirit. Psalm 119 is the longest psalm in the Bible. Its 176 verses are all about the law and words of God and how important they are to each of our lives. Within these verses the Psalmist masterfully writes about God's word using the whole Hebrew alphabet with its 22 letters. Each section of the Psalm is devoted to beginning align with that letter of the alphabet. We will be looking at two letters today. These letters will show us that God's Word keeps us on a straight path to him and guides our steps. Christians only have to listen to the one voice of God's Word.

**Psalm 119:9–16**

**9** How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word. **10** With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments! **11** I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you. **12** Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me your statutes! **13** With my lips I declare all the rules of your mouth. **14** In the way of your testimonies I delight as much as in all riches. **15** I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways. **16** I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.

- I. God's Word keeps us on track (vv. 9 – 16).
  - A Knowing God's Word is the first step.  
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  - B Doing God's Word is the next step.  
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**Psalm 119:105–112**

**105** Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. **106** I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to keep your righteous rules. **107** I am severely afflicted; give me life, O LORD, according to your word! **108** Accept my freewill offerings of praise, O LORD, and teach me your rules. **109** I hold my life in my hand continually, but I do not forget your law. **110** The wicked

have laid a snare for me, but I do not stray from your precepts. **111** Your testimonies are my heritage forever, for they are the joy of my heart. **112** I incline my heart to perform your statutes forever, to the end.

**II.** God's Word leads us to Him (vv. 105 – 112).

A Circumstances cannot sway our focus.

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B Enemies cannot keep us from following God's Word.

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### Conclusion

As we have seen from studying only two of the 22 letters represented in this Psalm, God's Word is our guide in all things. His Word leads us to the truth and lays the precedent for all decisions. We do not have to worry about which voices to listen to. God's voice is abundantly clear in our lives. We only need to humble ourselves and listen for his word. His Word speaks to every situation that we will ever encounter through statements and principles. God will give us the wisdom to rightly understand his word. It is up to us to listen and obey.