

# Reading Your Bible

*Psalm 119:9-16*

Introduction: We read our Bible fast for daily bible reading, But do we see the riches of the message?

How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word. I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you. Praise be to you, Lord teach me your decrees. With my lips I recount all the laws that come from your mouth. I rejoice in following your statutes as one rejoices in great riches. I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways. I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word

## I. Why Bible Reading is Important

### **v. 9 It is the path to purity**

The primary purpose of reading the Bible is not to know the Bible but to know God, James Merritt  
Romans 10:17 Isaiah 55:10-11

v. 10-11 It keeps us from sin

2 Timothy 3:16-17, John 8:32, Matthew 4:4

v. 12-16 It brings us pure joy, 1 Peter 2:2

## II. How To Read Your Bible

### **v. 10 seeking with all my heart**

Daily Bible Reading (3-4) chapters a day

10 chapters a day (260) NT in a month

Translations: dynamic and equivalent

Car: daily reading, find ways to expose yourself

John 10:14 I am good shepherd, sheep know voice

### **v. 11 Hiding it in my heart**

Look for Jesus. Goal is not to be a better person,

it is to be more like Jesus, John 5:39

Memorize: read to be familiar, focus on important verses

### **v. 15 Meditation**

Luke 8 parable of sower: hard, thorns, rocks, good

Takes time, needs to settle in

Pray before you read

Find a good spot to focus

See the small treasures

Apply to daily life

Mt 7:24 Whoever hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man.

