PASSION FOR GOD’S WORD

Scripture Reading: Psalms 119:9-16

Introduction:
1. Everyone knows and appreciates the value of cleanliness.
2. The most important part that must be cleansed is our souls before the Lord!
3. We cleanse our souls through the word of the Lord by...

I. HEEDING GOD’S WORD
   A. PUTTING THE WORD INTO ACTION
      1. Hearing the word of God – Ro 10:17
   
   B. FOLLOWING THE PATTERN
      1. Moses followed the pattern when building the tabernacle –
      2. We please God through following the pattern set forth in the Scriptures

II. SEEKING GOD’S WORD
   A. WITH ALL ONE’S HEART
      1. Most seek after God during times of trouble
      2. One must have the habit of seeking God’s word always (good times and bad).
   
   B. STEADFASTNESS IN TIMES OF EASE
      1. Many turn away from God when life becomes easy
      2. E.g. Israel – cling to God during hardships; all-clear they would be back to their ways

III. HIDING GOD’S WORD
   A. JESUS USED THE WORD – Mt 4:1-11
   B. WE MUST STUDY
      1. Paul stated to Timothy - 2Ti 2:15
      2. We study to contend effectively – Jude 3; 1Pe 3:15

IV. DESIRING THE WORD
   A. HUNGER AND THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS – Mt 5:6
   B. BENEFITS OF THE WORD
      1. The word reveals to us our Savior
      2. The word reveals to us the path of salvation

V. REMEMBERING THE WORD
   A. THE APOSTLES
      1. Peter sought to remind the brethren - 2Pe 1:12-15
      2. Paul said that it was not tedious for him to remind them – Ph 3:1
   
   B. WHAT WE REMEMBER
      1. Our Creator while we are young – Ec 12:1
      2. God’s commands / promises as we are faced with temptation - 1Co 10:12, 13

Conclusion:
1. There are a variety of facets to the benefits of God’s word in our lives
2. Our goal should always be to embrace the word of God keeping it close to our hearts