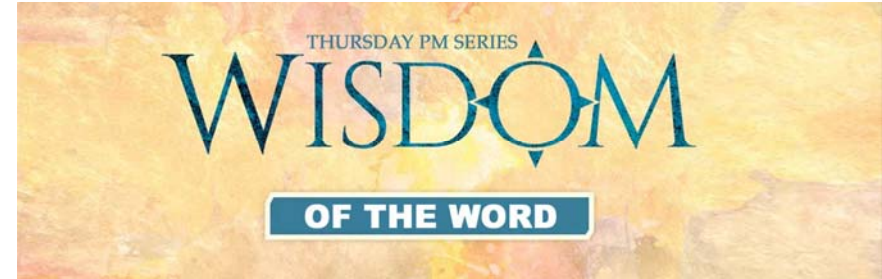


- How we see things _____ how we respond to them.

d) *We usually learn the best _____ lessons in the worst of times.*

107 *I am afflicted very much: quicken me, O Lord, according unto thy word.*



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8. Surround yourself with those who are committed to God’s word.

63 *I am a companion of all them that fear thee, and of them that keep thy precepts.*

9. Avoid those who live contrary to the word.

115 *Depart from me, ye evildoers: for I will keep the commandments of my God.*

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10. True _____ is immediate and not delayed.

60 *I made haste, and delayed not to keep thy commandments.*

- Sadly, most people’s _____ level, when it comes to obedience to God’s word, lacks diligence.

2 Timothy 4:1-4 *I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; 2*



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Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; 4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

- The ugly truth is that most Christians don't want to be _____ obedient to the Bible.

Let me give a few concluding thoughts.

- Obedience to the word should be _____.
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11. God uses _____ to draw us to obedience and teach us His Word.

67 Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word.

71 It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes.

a) *The better things are going the _____ it is drift from God.*

67 Before I was afflicted I went astray: ...

- We tend to see God's blessings as a _____ to live as we please.

Deuteronomy 32:15 *But Jeshurun waxed fat, and kicked: thou art waxen fat, thou art grown thick, thou art covered with fatness; then he forsook God which made him, and lightly esteemed the Rock of his salvation.*

Jeremiah 22:21 *I spake unto thee in thy prosperity; but thou saidst, I will not hear. This hath been thy manner from thy youth, that thou obeyedst not my voice.*

b) *God used _____ to bring us to obedience.*

Isaiah 53:6 *All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.*

75 I know, O Lord, that thy judgments are right, and that thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me.

- God would not be faithful to us if we _____ this affliction and He didn't give it to us.
 - God is too _____ to just let us go on in our own way, in our own path.

Hosea 6:1 *Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up.*

Hebrews 12:10-11 *For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness. 11 Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.*

- "God's chastenings of His children are **parental not punitive.**"

Hebrews 12:6 *For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.*

c) *Purposely look for the _____ in bad situations.*

- We've got to come to the place where we see all that God does in our lives as _____ to mold us and make us what he wants.