

- 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.
 - A Christian can only find good in afflictions if he does not _____ against them.
- d) *We usually learn the _____ spiritual lessons in the _____ of times.*

... that I might learn thy statutes.

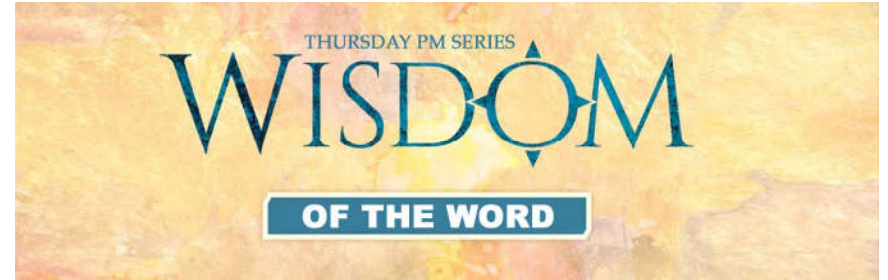
107 *I am afflicted very much: quicken me, O Lord, according unto thy word.*

13. God's word is _____ and _____.

89 *For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven.*

152 *Concerning thy testimonies, I have known of old that thou hast founded them for ever.*

160 *Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever.*



Wisdom of the Word Principles Pt. 7

REVIEW

11. We must purposely understand the real value in God's word over all this life offers.

72 *The law of thy mouth is **better** unto me than thousands of gold and silver.*

127 *Therefore I love thy commandments **above** gold; yea, above fine gold.*

THIS WEEK'S LESSON

12. God uses problems to draw us to _____ and to _____ 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.*



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From these verses we see 4 truths about this:

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

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

- It seems that one test that Christians repeatedly fail is the test of _____.
- 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.*

- We would do well to remember that God's blessings are not completely detached from the way that we live.
 - Some _____ are the result of _____.
 - Many _____ are the result of _____.

b) *God uses affliction to bring us to _____.*

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

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.*

- This is the true value of affliction: it swiftly brings us to the end of _____.
- If we are to really believe this, it must be rooted in the belief that **God is _____ in all that He does.**

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

- **God would not be _____ to us if we needed 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.*

- The whole purpose of God's chastening is to bring us back to _____.

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 chastening's 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 _____ situations.*

71 *It is good for me that I have been afflicted; ...*