

Psalm 119:105 “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”

Psalm 119:15 “I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways. ^[16]
I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word.”

John 5:39b “... These are the Scriptures that testify about Me.”

D. Replicate God’s Word by living for Jesus.

John 13:15 “I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.”

Ephesians 5:1 “Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children ^[2] And live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.”

James 1:22 “Do not merely listen to the Word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.”

The Desires of Paul Colossians 2:1-7 Lesson #7 1/28/24

Colossians 1:29 “To this end, I labor, struggling with all His energy, which so powerfully works in me.”

****Colossians 2:1** “I want you to know how much I am struggling for you and for those at Laodicea, and for all who have not met me personally.”

I John 4:21 “And He has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love His brother.”

I. Paul wanted to encourage believers.

****Colossians 2:2** “My purpose is that they may be encouraged in heart....”

Colossians 1:15 “He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ^[16] For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him”

Ephesians 6:10 “Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power.”

II. Paul wanted believers united in love.

Colossians 2:2b “... and united in love,”

Ephesians 1:13 “And you also were included in Christ when you heard the Word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in Him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit.”

I Corinthians 12:12 “The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts, and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So, it is with Christ.”

I Corinthians 12:13 “For we were baptized by one Spirit into one body – whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free – and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.”

I Corinthians 12:27 “Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.”

I Corinthians 1:10 “I appeal to you, brothers in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another so that there may be no divisions among you and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought.”

John 13:35 “By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

I Corinthians 13:4 “Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.”

I Corinthians 13:5 “It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.”

III. Paul wanted believers to have complete understanding.

****Colossians 2:2b** ... so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ.”

****Colossians 2:3** “In whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.”

****Colossians 2:4** “I tell you this so that no one may deceive you by fine-sounding arguments.”

2 Corinthians 11:13 “For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, masquerading as apostles of Christ.”

2 Corinthians 11:14 “And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light.”

Revelation 20:8 tells us Satan “... will go out and deceive the nations..”

****Colossians 2:5** “For though I am absent from you in body, I am present with you in spirit and delight to see how orderly you are and how firm your faith in Christ is.”

IV. Paul wanted believers to have a continuous walk with Jesus.

Colossians 2:6 “So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in Him.”

I John 2:6 “Whoever claims to live in Him must walk as Jesus did.”

Colossians 2:7 “Rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught,”

V. Paul wanted believers to be grateful.

Colossians 2:7c “... and overflowing with thankfulness.”

Colossians 1:3 “We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you.”

I Thessalonians 5:16 “Be joyful always; ^[17] pray continually; ^[18] give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”

Hebrews 12:28 “Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, ^[29] for our God is a consuming fire.”

How can we apply this lesson to our life?

A. Remove sin because it quenches your spiritual desire.

I Peter 2:1 “Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind.”

B. Rekindle the desire to learn about the Lord.

I Peter 2:2 “Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation.”

2 Peter 3:18 “But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and forever! Amen.”

C. Return to the daily study of the Word of God.

Matthew 4:4 “Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”