

Words From God's Word

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The Word of God is alive and speaks and is the guide to our prayers and to the words we speak.

When our daughter, Marcy was in High School, I began to expand my prayers to include the first three verses of Psalm One over her. Using these verses for a guide, I earnestly prayed: O Lord, help Marcy not to walk in the counsel of the ungodly, but to follow You with her whole heart. and listen to the words of the wise. Put in her heart not to stand in the way of sinners, but to take her stand for You and Your righteousness. Help Marcy not to sit in the seat of the scornful, but that she may sit before You and behold Your face; that she will delight herself in Your law, Your ways, and Your will; that she will meditate day and night in Your Word and be blessed by obeying Your teachings of Your Sermon on the Mount and of things that are lovely and of a good report; that she will be like a tree planted by the rivers of water that bring forth her fruit for You and for Your Kingdom....

How did God answer my prayer? Above and beyond my request! Not only did she not walk in the counsel of the ungodly, but conversely, the Lord guided her studies and made her a godly counselor. To God belongs all praise.

A word said cannot be unsaid!

"Let the words of my mouth, and the mediation of my heart, be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer."

--Psalm 19:14