



What does “Be Tenderhearted” mean?

- This is one of those “dangerous” prayers.
- Being tenderhearted needs to be a part of my identity.
- It comes from the innermost part of me.
- It is tied to compassion, and for us, it is tied to the compassion of Christ towards me.
- As I empty my bucket of compassion into others, the Holy Spirit fills it even more and I experience more of the compassion of Christ towards me.
- The joy of that experience is worth the effort.

Ps 119:1-8 *Aleph.*

- 1 How blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD.
- 2 How blessed are those who observe His testimonies, who seek Him with all their heart.
- 3 They also do no unrighteousness; they walk in His ways.
- 4 You have ordained Your precepts, that we should keep them diligently.
- 5 Oh that my ways may be established to keep Your statutes!
- 6 Then I shall not be ashamed when I look upon all Your commandments.
- 7 I shall give thanks to You with uprightness of heart, when I learn Your righteous judgments.
- 8 I shall keep Your statutes; do not forsake me utterly!

Takeaways

- I need God’s help to be morally useful to others.
- Blessedness (and recognition of that) is found through obedience.
- I need to walk in His ways, not step and stop.
 - Walk in love.
 - Walk by faith.
 - Walk in the newness of life.
 - I need God (Do not forsake me!).

Psalm 119:11

Your word I have treasured in my heart,
That I may not sin against You.

Psalm 119, An Introduction

- What the bible says about itself.
- 22 letters in the Hebrew alphabet (acrostic)
 - It is like the ABC of the bible.
- Personal psalm, and the author may have been a high profile person:
 - Rulers or princes were opposing the author.
 - Felt persecuted.
 - Sometimes by Jews who did not value obedience to the Law.
 - Suffered from false accusations.
 - Addresses the Lord personally:
 - Worship. Prayer. Praise. Admonition.

8 words used (it may be 9 or 10 in English, depending on translation) for the Word of God:

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| • Testimonies | • Word |
| • Ways | • Commandments |
| • Law | • Statutes |
| • Judgments | • Ordinances |
| • Ordinances | • Precepts |

All eight are found in 33-40, 41-48, 57-64, 73-80, 81-88, and 129-136.

Words of the week

- Law (torah)
 - Used 25 times: Parent verb means to teach or direct. When used as coming from God, it can mean both law and revelation; as a single command or the whole body of law.
- Judgments (mispatim)
 - Used 23 times: to judge, determine, regulate, order, and discern, because they judge concerning our words and works; show the rules by which they should be regulated; and cause us to discern what is right and wrong, and decide accordingly.

Psalm 119: 9-12 (NASB) BETH

9 How can a young man keep his way pure?

By keeping it according to Your word.

10 With all my heart I have sought You;

Do not let me wander from Your commandments.

11 Your word I have treasured in my heart,

That I may not sin against You.

12 Blessed are You, O LORD;

Teach me Your statutes.

Psalm 119: 13-16 (NASB) BETH

13 With my lips I have told of

All the ordinances of Your mouth.

14 I have rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies,

As much as in all riches.

15 I will meditate on Your precepts

And regard Your ways.

16 I shall delight in Your statutes;

I shall not forget Your word.

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- Questions are a way that a rabbi teaches.
- The Holy Spirit can turn a temptation into a trial.
 - The victory reveals God in you.
 - It reveals greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world.
- Jesus used scripture to foil Satan's plot:
 - Whose messiah would Jesus be (Matthew 4:1-10)?
- We should allow the Holy Spirit to use scripture to purify us.
- Popular inscription in many bibles:
 - This book will keep you from sin.
 - Sin will keep you from this book.

10 With all my heart I have sought You;

Do not let me wander from Your commandments.

- If our hearts are seeking God, we will not stray far from God.
- If we are seeking God, we will see God in all of life, in all of our circumstances.
- When we are seeking God, we will be giving God glory.
- Recognize that it is not our promises to God but God's promises (and by extension, the Holy Spirit using His word) that keeps us from wandering.

11 Your word have I treasured in my heart, That I might not sin against you.

- Memorizing scripture can help us:
 - Galatians 6:7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap.
 - Ephesians 6:11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil.
 - Romans 6:11-12 Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus. Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts,
- Be aware when you are weak (physically, emotionally, spiritually):
 - Hurt, Angry, Lonely, Tired, Adrift (HALTA).

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- Speak the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15)
- The servant may read the love letter out loud from duty.
- The beloved reads the love letter out loud from delight.
- Enrich others with the spiritual treasures in God's word.
- As we encourage others, we are encouraged.
- As we speak the word of God, we glorify God.

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- Blessed when used towards God is a response of an expanded awareness of God that causes a response to:
 - gratefully acknowledge the giver of blessing, or
 - joyfully announce the good things about God or
 - praise, exalt, worship Him; "God, You are great!"
- We need a teachable spirit
 - Teachable by God.
 - Willing to listen to God's solutions.
 - Willing to wait on God's timing.
 - Willing to let God explain it in His way.
- Truth needs to move from our head to our heart to our hands and mouths (next verse).

14 I have rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies, As much as in all riches.

- Where our heart is, there our treasure is also.
 - Potential path to idolatry.
- Jesus dies to create the opportunity for an intimate relationship.
- The bible is the love letter that describes, the how, what, and why of all of that.
- The bible is the most sure means of understanding the will of God for us.
- What do we treasure more than God's word?

15 I will meditate on Your precepts
And regard Your ways.

- If we know how to worry...,
- We know how to meditate.

16 I shall delight in Your statutes;
I shall not forget Your word.

- Delight, love, meditate are found together in this passage.
- Also in verses: 23-24, 47-48, 77-78, 97-99
- With this, the psalmist declares that he delights, meditates, and will not forget God's word. He has committed his heart, his mind and his habits to God's word.

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Announcements 8/19/18

There will be a Celebration of Life for Treva Black on Sat. Sept. 8th from Noon to 3 PM at Campos Vineyards. 3501 Byer Rd., in Byron. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to The American Cancer Society, Susan G Komen Foundation, or to your favorite charity in Treva's name.

MDC is helping sponsor Clif, Rick, & Holly on a Mission trip to Italy.

Bixler Property Update –Please continue to pray.

Larry Quinnell is continuing a **Bible Study** on Wed. Evenings from 6:30 to 7:45 P.M. at the Fellowship House at 1641 Bixler Road. We're continuing the study on the gospel of Luke, the physician / historian. This week: Jesus deals with a demon and a leper. Nursery to be provided. Please contact Larry or Pily Quinnell, or Lois Van Buskirk.

Men's breakfast Sat Sept 1 at 8:30 AM at Jalisco's Mexican Restaurant, 8335 Brentwood Blvd B, Brentwood, CA 94513

Girls Morning Out on Sat. Oct. 13th at the Fellowship house.

Please place your Offerings & Tear Off Cards in the boxes in back of the church. Also put any prayer requests on the tear-off portion of the card. Add your email address for a weekly email.

Go to the church website at:

www.marinersdiscoverychurch.com to keep up to date on all the latest information about our church. You can also sign up for our weekly email blast on the tear-off card.

BE Tenderhearted.

My compassion identity and expression is tied to the experience of Jesus' compassion to me.

My compassion bucket:

Last Week: Psalm 119:1-8 What does the bible say about the bible?

The Holy Spirit uses God's word to empower us as we:

**Psalm 119: 11 Your word I have treasured in my heart,
That I may not sin against You.**

Psalm 119: An introduction.

ABC's of the bible

Personal Psalm

8 Words:

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Psalm 119:9 How can I stay pure?

Psalm 119:10 Do not let me wander.

Psalm 119:11 Your word in my heart = less sin

Psalm 119:12 Blessed is the Lord

Psalm 119:13 With my lips

Psalm 119:14 I have rejoiced

Psalm 119:15 I will meditate

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