Being a Student of God's Word - Psalm 119:33-40

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| are twenty-two stanzas wit examine the fifth stanza, wh Hebrew alphabet— H_E . This s | em using the Hebrew alphabet. There height verses each. This lesson will ich is headed by the fifth letter in the ection rhythmically reminds us of the udents of God's Word. We will see at | see God's statues and law. List the four ways Scripture profits us, according to 2 Timothy 3:16? | | | |
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| least three things to do as | | 1 | 2 | 3 | |
| Pray for | (119:33-35) | 4 | in | | |
| visible or understandable. understand His Word. The everywhere they take the Give their lives to transla Christians realize basic education of the Bible. In fact States were established to the When applying for admission answer this question: "Wuniversity?" In verses 33-35 | n into a university, you may have to hy do you want to attend our to, the psalmist tells us why he wants | One of Satan's powerful lies is "God's way is not fun." The Evil One wants to convince us God's commands lead to a dull, boring life. However, the Bible is the source of deepest delight (119:35). There is temporary pleasure in sin; otherwise, no one would want to sin. Yet, that short-lived fun gives birth to long-term trouble and regret. Moses could have lived a princely life in Egypt, but he didn't. How does Hebrews 11:25 describe his choice? | | | |
| admission into God's "school Law according to verse 34? | I." Why does he want to learn God's | | | | |
| | | Psalm 16:11 gives us the eternal perspective that Satan wants us to forget: You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore. | | | |
| | | To be a good sto | udent of God's Word, _I | pray for illumination | |
| how to sin. But we do need | the Scriptures to teach us to be eaches in Romans 3:10b <i>None is</i> | Avoid tempo | rary | (119:36-37) | |
| righteous, no, not one. | | In this verses, the psalmist mentions \boldsymbol{two} kinds of preoccupation: | | | |
| mean we all tend to sin bed | no decent people in the world. It does tause we are selfish at the core. The and wants God to teach him to be | 1. Preoccupation | on with | | |
| | o illuminate his mind so he can clearly | The psalmist | orays in 119:36: <i>Ir</i> | ncline my heart to your | |

testimonies, and not to selfish gain! The Hebrew word The Hebrew word word [Bet-sah'), translated selfish gain, means "to plunder." This same word is used in 1 Samuel 8:3 to describe the corrupt ways of Samuel's sons.

The truth is **everything** belongs to God. We are short-term stewards and should invest His resources wisely. Everyone will be judged on their earthly stewardship. Faithful stewardship demonstrates our love for God. Jesus plainly states this reality in Matthew 6:24: "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other." Write the final words of that verse below:

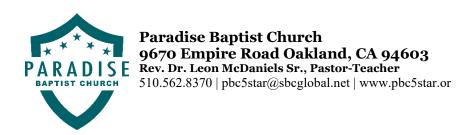
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The word translated *serve* in that verse means "be enslaved to." The modern form of financial slavery occurs when people borrow money for things such as clothes, cars, and gadgets that quickly lose their value. This brings us to the second preoccupation to avoid...

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Depreciation is the loss of value. A "do-dad" is an unnecessary or vain thing. Everything we acquire that is not in accordance with God's Word is a depreciating "do-dad."

King Solomon wrote an entire "research paper" on the acquisition of these vain things. We know his writing as the book of Ecclesiastes. After getting all the gear, browsing all the books, marrying all the maidens, constructing all the castles, and experiencing all the excesses, the wisest person in the world (other than Jesus Christ) comes to a conclusion. What does he decide, according to Ecclesiastes 12:13c-d?



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