



Design: Meditates regularly on God's Word

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	Spiritual	Experiential	Relational	Instructional
1	Meditate on Joshua 1:8; Psalm 1:1-3; Jeremiah 15:16; John 15:7. Memorize three (or more) Scriptures that reflect a love for the Word of God.	Spend at least a few minutes every day reading the Bible.	Team up with two or three others to encourage one another in your love for God's Word. Send one Bible promise to each other each day.	Study Joshua 1:8; Psalm 1:1-3; Jeremiah 15:16; John 15:7
2	Confess your lack of love for the Word of God, receive God's grace, and repent. Ask God to deliver you from Bible-reading as mere duty or exercise.	Make sure that you are in the Word for love's sake, and not as a job or duty. Read the Word on a topic about which you are not preparing a sermon or Bible study.	Read about the lives of past Christians who died for their love for God's Word. Ask God to give you the same passion for His Word.	Study the topic of why the Bible is from God. As you grasp that it is God's Word, your love for it will grow (John 17:13-20).
3	Ask God for the Spirit of wisdom and revelation using the prayer of Ephesians 3:17 – that you may know Jesus more deeply.	Write a Bible verse where it won't be part of a study or design for others, but just for you to enjoy as a gift.	Listen to other's testimonies about how meditation on God's Word satisfied their hearts, sustained them in difficulties, and helped them in crises.	Find and read books or articles on the subject of the power of the Word of God or love for Scripture (ask a spiritual leader for suggestions).
4	Ask God to open your eyes as you open the Word, that you may see wonderful things (Psalm 119:18; 2 Corinthians 3:14-18).	Share with others verses that you love, and listen to them share the verses that they love – not for intellectual understanding, but for sheer enjoyment.	Interview someone who has a passion for the Word of God: discuss how they developed this passion, and their experiences in the Word.	Teach on the benefits and methods of memorizing Scripture using verses like Psalm 119:9-10; Joshua 1:6-9; 1 John 2:14.
5	Spend a day alone with God; persist in seeking Him to give you a deeper love and passion for His Word.	Every day look to experience a "wow" message from God through His Word. Think about them before you go to bed each night.	Ask a mature believer to pray daily for your devotion to the Word of God. Communicate once a week to give them testimony and receive prayer.	Study the history of the preservation of Scripture through history and around the world in the face of persecution. What can you learn from this?
6	Before God, read aloud Psalm 119 over several days, noting those verses which speak of loving God's Word.	Every day, yield your heart to the Holy Spirit to hear Him speak His Word to satisfy you with His love. Determine today to love the Word of God just because it is so good and rich.	Start or join a weekly Bible study with a small group. Make sure that the focus is about love and enthusiasm for God's Word and obedience to it, not just head knowledge.	Find one or two biblical examples of people who loved the Word of God. What can you learn from them?
7	Think about your current hunger for God's Word – and confess any shallowness as sin. Then consider where God wants you to be, and cry out for God to take you there.	Visit a museum or traveling collection that houses actual or replicas of ancient Scripture portions. If not possible, visit a virtual Scripture museum online.	Once a week, let God lead you to one of your friends, and share with them some passage that has blessed you. Ask them to share a passage with you.	Find one or two biblical examples of people who didn't listen to or love the Word of God. What were the results?
8	Similar to sections in Psalm 119, write your own prayer of eight verses – admitting your lack and asking God for His supply.	Print out one book of the Bible by hand, perhaps a book with just five chapters. Then imagine that this is the only portion of the Bible that you have available to you. Find a new love for God's Word in valuing this small section.	Read short portions of the Word of God with your friends or as a family at mealtimes or another suitable time.	Listen to sermons, teachings, or podcasts on love and devotion to God's Word as a pattern of thinking.
9	Keep a journal of how God sustains you through His Word – note those passages in which He has spoken to you.	What are some excuses you use to avoid reading the Word? Create strong answers for these sentiments and encourage love for the Word instead.	While driving or walking with someone, (Deuteronomy 6:7) take turns sharing meaningful passages from the Bible.	Prepare a teaching for your church or small group on loving the Scriptures and avoiding mere duty, and how this truth affects our lives.
10	As a means of meditation, write out a passage that has been special to you. Create calligraphy or art with a picture (drawing or photo) and the verse.		Encourage someone you know who also struggles in this area and is seeking to have a deep love for the Word. Help each other.	Speak at an event about loving God's Word and developing a habit of meditation. Find Scriptural examples and personal testimonies that relate to your life and your listeners.
11				Read To Enjoy Him Forever by Malcolm Webber.
12				Listen to audio teachings on Spiritual Life by Malcolm Webber – at least one per week.
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