

Thirty-Two Traits Of The Person Who Respects God's Word

Part 2

Introduction.

1. Last week we began a series of three lessons entitled, "Thirty-Two Traits Of The Person Who Respects God's Word."
2. We studied 9 traits of the person who respects God's word and wants to please Him.
3. In this lesson we will study 10 more traits of the person who respects God's word.
4. Each of these traits are based on what God's word teaches about those who have respect for God's word.
5. It is of utmost importance that we prayerfully consider each of these 32 traits in this series of lessons.
6. Only those who respect God's word in the way the Bible teaches will please God!

Ten More Traits Of Those Who Respect God's Word

1. I will keep it in my heart all my days. (Psa. 119:9-11).

PSA 119:9 How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to Thy word.

PSA 119:10 With all my heart I have sought Thee; Do not let me wander from Thy commandments.

PSA 119:11 Thy word I have treasured in my heart, That I may not sin against Thee.

- a. Keeping God's word leads to purity and salvation.
- b. It keeps us from wandering from God's commandments, but not in the absolute. (1 Jn. 1:7,9).
- c. Without the guidance of God's word it easy to stray from the path of righteousness.
- d. Treasuring God's word in the heart is essential in the battle against temptation and sin.
- e. Internalizing the word is a believer's best weapon to defend against encroaching sin.
- f. If God's word is not in the heart, one is doomed to fail.
- g. Jesus used the word of God to overcome the temptations of the devil. (Matt. 4:1-11).
- h. Jesus overcame each of the temptations by quoting the word of God. (Deut. 8:3; 6:16, 13).

Deut 8:3 "He humbled you and let you be hungry, and fed you with manna which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that He might make you understand that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of the LORD.

Deut 6:16 "You shall not put the LORD your God to the test, as you tested {Him} at Massa

Deut 6:13 "You shall fear {only} the LORD your God; and you shall worship Him and swear by His name.

2. I will love it. (Psa. 119:14, 24, 47, 97).

PSA 119:14 I have rejoiced in the way of Thy testimonies, As much as in all riches.

PSA 119:24 Thy testimonies also are my delight; They are my counselors.

PSA 119:47 And I shall delight in Thy commandments, Which I love.

PSA 119:97 O how I love Thy law! It is my meditation all the day.

- a. Love is not hate, toleration, compromising, apologizing, indifference, disobedience, etc.
- b. It is delighting, rejoicing, praising, obeying God's commandments.

3. I will long for it. (Psa. 119:31, 40). See Psa. 119:47,72, 103, 174.

PSA 119:31 I cleave [cling, keep close] to Thy testimonies [rules]; O Lord, do not put me to shame!

PSA 119:40 Behold, I long for Your precepts [rules]; Revive me [give me life] through Your righteousness.

Ps 119:47 I shall delight in Your commandments, Which I love.

Ps 119:72 The law of Your mouth is better to me Than thousands of gold and silver {pieces.}

Ps 119:103 How sweet are Your words to my taste! {Yes, sweeter} than honey to my mouth!

Ps 119:174 I long for Your salvation, O LORD, And Your law is my delight.

4. I will teach it to my children. (Deut. 6:4-9; Eph. 6:4).

DEU 6:4 "Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord is one!

DEU 6:5 "And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

DEU 6:6 "And these words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart;

DEU 6:7 and you shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up.

DEU 6:8 "And you shall bind them as a sign on your hand and they shall be as frontals [between your eyes] on your forehead.

DEU 6:9 "And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

EPH 6:4 And, fathers, do not provoke your children to anger; but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

- a. We have the privilege and responsibility to teach our children to respect God and His word.
- b. We should also teach our grandchildren and great grandchildren the importance of loving, respecting and obeying God's word.

- c. Sometimes we have the opportunity, if taken, to teach nieces and nephews and others.
- d. **This is a responsibility that must not be ignored or taken lightly.**
- e. Christians need to spend less time cursing the darkness, and more time reflecting on and teaching the light to our children and others.
- f. We need to make sure children are reared in the Lord.
- g. This includes such things as these:

Being an example of Christian living.	Provide some Bible studies on their level.
Encouraging to be <i>in Bible classes</i> .	Good Christian literature
Making sure they have transportation	Reading to them.
Making sure they have a good readable Bible	Bible programs for their electronic gadgets.
Providing some good Bible aids	Expose them frequently to God-fearing people.

5. I will stay up nights just to think about it. (Psa. 119:148).

PSA 119:148 My eyes anticipate [look forward to] the night watches, That I may meditate on Thy word.

- a. Reading and listening to God’s word is very important.
 - 1) Random reading of God’s word, here and there, has little value and may lead to confusion.
 - 2) Reading one day a chapter out of Genesis and another day out of Leviticus or Ezekiel and another day out of Matthew or Romans or Revelation leads to confusion and misunderstanding.
 - 3) Having a study plan enhances learning.
- b. It is likewise very important that we spend a lot of time meditating on God’s word and look forward to the opportunity to meditate on the word of God.
 - 1) “Meditate” means “to reflect, to contemplate, to ponder.”
 - 2) It is reflecting on the meaning of God’s word and making application of its promises, warnings and commandments.
- c. “Night” is sometimes the only time when one has the opportunity to read and meditate on God precious word.
- d. Others times of the day may be better for others.
- e. The important thing is that we make time to study and meditate.
- f. We all make time for the things that are really important to us.

6. I will hate evil. (Psa. 119:104; Amos 5:15; Rom. 12:9; 1 Jn. 1:5-7).

PSA 119:104 From Your precepts [orders] I get understanding; Therefore I hate every false way.

AMO 5:15 Hate evil, love good, And establish justice in the gate! Perhaps the LORD God of hosts May be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

ROM 12:9 Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good.

1JO 1:5 And this is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.

1JO 1:6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth;

1JO 1:7 but if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

- a. The Bible uses words like “hate, detest, abhor” to describe one’s attitude toward “evil.”
- b. This does not mean we are to hate the sinner, but we are to detest, abhor evil and “cling to what is good.”
- c. The Bible admonishes one “to walk in the light” and to refrain “walking” [living] in the darkness.
- d. Believers are children of light. (Eph. 5:8). See Matt. 5:14-16.

Eph 5:8 for you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light.

Matt 5:14 "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden;

Matt 5:15 nor does {anyone} light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house.

Matt 5:16 "Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

7. I will be saddened when it is violated. (Psa.119:136).

PSA 119:136 My eyes shed streams of water, Because they do not keep Your law.

- a. God’s children love God and His commandments and they shed tears because the wicked reject God and His word. **They do not say “Oh well.”**
- b. The alien sinner must develop godly sorrow to come to repentance.
- c. The believer has godly sorrow when he/she sins and this leads to genuine repentance with the realization that all sin is a violation of God’s will. (2 Cor. 7:10).

2 COR 7:10 For the sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation, but the sorrow of the world produces death.

- d. **The sorrow of the world produces [spiritual] death and often physical death.**
- e. The believer should have the attitude of David when he/she sins. (Psa. 51:1-12).

PSA 51:1 Be gracious to me, O God, according to Thy lovingkindness; According to the greatness of Thy compassion blot out my transgressions.

PSA 51:2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, And cleanse me from my sin.

PSA 51:3 For I know my transgressions, And my sin is ever before me.

PSA 51:4 Against Thee, Thee only, I have sinned, And done what is evil in Thy sight, So that Thou art justified when Thou dost speak, And blameless when Thou dost judge.

PSA 51:5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity [born into an evil world], And in sin my mother conceived me.

PSA 51:6 Behold, Thou dost desire truth in the innermost being, And in the hidden part Thou wilt make me know wisdom.

PSA 51:7 Purify me with hyssop [a plant used for medicinal and religious purposes], and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

PSA 51:8 Make me to hear joy and gladness, Let the bones which Thou hast broken rejoice.

PSA 51:9 Hide Thy face from my sins, And blot out all my iniquities.

PSA 51:10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me.

PSA 51:11 Do not cast me away from Thy presence, And do not take Thy Holy Spirit from me.

PSA 51:12 Restore to me the joy of Thy salvation, And sustain me with a willing spirit.

e. The believer is also sad when others yield to unrighteousness. (1 Cor. 13:6).

1CO 13:6 does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth;

1) The one who respects God's word is never pleased when others sin.

2) He is never happy when unrighteousness prevails.

8. I will reject human traditions as authoritative and binding. (Matt. 15:7-9).

MATT 15:7 "You hypocrites, rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you:

MATT 15:8' *This people honors Me with their lips, But their heart is far away from Me.*

MATT 15:9' *But in vain do they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the precepts of men.*"

a. Traditions per se are not always bad.

b. They are bad when they are elevated to commandments or violate or change God's commandments.

c. Many things that are taught as binding are really traditions.

d. Jesus says those who follow human traditions that contradict His word are worshiping [serving] God "in vain."

1) "Vain" is a very strong word to convey what Jesus thinks about those who worship and serve in accordance with "teaching as doctrines the precepts of men."

2) The Greek word "maten" [**mah** tan] means "in vain, fruitlessly, uselessly, worthlessly."

3) This should be a grave warning to all who teach and pursue "the precepts of men."

4) "The precepts of men" only lead to condemnation.

9. I will respect those who preach it. (Rom. 10:15).

ROM 10:15 And how shall they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring glad tidings of good things!"

- a. Preachers who proclaim the gospel should be treated with honor and respect.
- b. They should never be treated as hirelings, but should be appreciated and supported. (1 Cor. 9:14).
- c. It is shameful the way some treat preachers.
- d. The preacher and his family should be given the same consideration as other members.
- e. Those who respect God's word will honor those who proclaim the gospel.

10. I will not apologize for it. (1 Kgs. 22:14).

1 KGS 22:14 But Micaiah said, "As the LORD lives, what the LORD says to me, that I shall speak."

- a. We must never apologize for God's holy word.
- b. Rather than being apologetic we should courageously and boldly proclaim God's word.
- c. God is ashamed of those who are ashamed of His words.
- d. Jesus uttered this warning to those who are ashamed of His words. (Mk. 8:38).

Mark 8:38 "For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels."

- 1) No one wants or will want God to be ashamed of him now or at the Lord's return.
- 2) Everyone, respecting God's sacred word, desires the Lord's favor and not His condemnation.

Conclusion.

1. Next week we will study 13 more traits of those who respect God's word.
2. These additional traits are vital to those who truly want to please God.
3. It is impossible to please God without fully respecting God's sacred and authoritative word.
4. This respect leads one to loving obedience and salvation.

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