

# “THINK ON THESE THINGS”

Philippians 4:8

## WHY I TRULY LOVE GOD’S WORD

26 Alphabetical Reasons

Psalms 119:97

(David Also Did)

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### INTRODUCTION:

It is imperative to love the truth if we want to be saved (2 Thess. 2:9-12). We must know the truth and follow the truth daily in order to be free from sin and enter glory (1 John 8:31-32).

**1. AFFECTION:** God’s word teaches us that loving God wholeheartedly and our neighbor as our self is the greatest evidence of our respect for God’s law. Matt. 22:37-38

**2. BEAUTIFICATION:** God’s word when obeyed makes an ugly sinner a beautiful Christian (1 Pet. 1:22-23).

**3. CONSIDERATION:** God’s word tells us how “considerate” God is for us (Rom. 5:8-11), and how we can in turn show God our consideration for Him and His people (Heb. 10:22-25).

**4. DIRECTION:** God’s word gives us details of how to press onward in righteousness and upward in holiness (Eph. 4:24-32).

**5. EDIFICATION:** Only God’s word can build up our resistance to evil and error and help us draw nigh unto God (James 4:6-10). God’s word states that humility and integrity please God (Matt. 18:3-4; Psalms 26:1-3).

**6. FIXATION:** God’s spiritual and permanent “fix” against sin is His word (Psalms 119:11). If we fix or “*set*” our minds and hearts on heaven (Col. 3:1-2) the things of this world will be unimportant.

**7. GLORIFICATION:** God’s word declares that our every word and deed should glorify our Maker (1 Cor. 10:31-33) and that authority from God is imperative for all (Col. 3:17).

**8. HESITATION:** God’s word is kind enough to warn us to not be hesitant in doing good or we sin (James 4:17). Rather let us be steadfast and abound in God’s good works (1 Cor. 15:58; Eph. 2:8-10).

**9. INSTRUCTION:** God’s word builds us from the “inside out” (Rom. 7:22), and this inspired Telegram of Truth does state clearly God’s righteous instructions (2 Tim. 3:16-17). If our inner structure (heart) is solid and strong (Phil. 4:8) then our outer man (body) will be occupied correctly (Rom. 12:1-2).

**10. JURISDICTION:** God’s word indicates that God has complete authority over man in judgment (2 Cor. 5:10-11). Following Christ and apostolic teaching is jurisprudence (Acts 2:42) whereas following Satan is certain eternal tragedy (John 8:44; Rev. 21:8).

**11. ‘KEEP’IZATION:** (coined-word) God’s word promises that if we “*keep His commandments*” we can by His grace and mercy enter the pearly gates (Rev. 22:14) and keeping His commands with patience demonstrates our true love for God (John 14:15).

**12. LAMENTATION:** God’s word surely states that we should “*mourn*” over our sins and others and that repentance is mandatory for all people (Matt. 5:1-4; Acts 17:30-31). Real tears over real sins, should touch our heartstrings and produce change for good (2 Cor. 7:10-11).

- 13. MANIFESTATION:** God's word is the demonstration of God's tender compassion for all people (2 Pet. 3:9). By giving His word of truth He made possible salvation for all (1 Tim. 2:3-4).
- 14. NOTIFICATION:** God's word instills heavenly wisdom into our hearts as we study and pray (James 3:13-18; 5:16). God's word says we should take note that "most will be lost and few will be saved" (Matt. 7:13-14). Let us take note and walk the narrow way that leads unto eternal life! This is the way of obedience (Heb. 5:8-9).
- 15. OPERATION:** God's word is the means by which God plants His teaching in our hearts (James 1:21-25). God's operation upon our hearts in baptism is when He forgives us (Col. 2:12). This operation removes the deadly leprosy of sin.
- 16. PRESENTATION:** God's word is His constitution that He presented to man to follow and if we follow His "rules" we will give our bodies and minds to God in loving service (Rom. 12:1-2) as a gift to God to advertise His (Love and Grace).
- 17. QUESTION:** God's word so aptly states that if we lovingly and joyfully serve the Lord we have no need to question His promises of salvation (Titus 1:12; Rom. 6:23). God's word contains the answer of heaven to every earthly question we encounter about salvation (1 Pet. 3:15; 2 Pet. 1:3-4).
- 18. RECONCILIATION:** God's word says that in sin man is at war with God (John 8:21), but that God's Son Jesus Christ is the means of reconciling man to God (2 Cor. 5:17-21). When sinners obey the gospel (Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:38), Christ becomes their peace with God, and man is God's friend again (Eph. 2:13-18).
- 19. SALVATION:** God's word surely is His manuscript that provides terms of God's acceptance of man (Rom. 1:16-17). God's word sanctifies those who love and obey His glorious truth (John 17:17-21). In detail God's word also declares who will not be saved (Gal. 5:19-21).
- 20. TEMPTATION:** God's word warns us that yielding to temptation to commit evil is an eternal mistake (James 1:12-15). God's law states that for a child of God prayer is essential to avoiding sin (Matt. 26:41). Eternal life is promised to those who endure and remain faithful (James 1:12).
- 21. USURPATION:** God's word is perfect and complete and right, and when man infringes upon God's laws by writing his own laws, his worship is in vain (Matt. 15:8-9). Man usurps God's word by his traditions and philosophy (Col. 2:8), for man's "*wisdom*" is earthly, sensual, devilish (James 3:16).
- 22. VEXATION:** God's word tells man what is worthwhile and what it not (Eccl. 2:1-15; Eccl. 12:13-14). The lies of Satan and lifestyles of sin only "*vex*" the soul with sin and evil consequences. God's word is the medicine needed to heal the sin-sick souls and lives of man (Rev. 22:17; Matt. 4:4).
- 23. 'WORTH'IMATION:** (coined-word) God's word so clearly states that God is worthy of all our love and trust (Rev. 5:9-10). His word shouts out the worth of man unto God (Matt. 16:24-26). He also says in His word that heaven will be worth all our commitment and sacrifice (1 Pet. 1:3-9). Also, one second in Hell will not be worth a lifetime of sensual, sinful pleasure (Mark 9:43-48; Heb. 11:24-26).
- 24. 'X'PLANATION:** (Explanation) God's word explains carefully that He created us, and we are altogether responsible to Him for our conduct while here (Gen. 1:26-27; John 12:48-50). God's word explains the necessity of joining our faith with works if we desire salvation (James 2:17-26). God's word explains very carefully, that we have a free-will choice whether we serve God or the Devil (Rom. 6:16-18).
- 25. 'YIELD'SURATION:** (coined word) God's word in clear terms states that yielding to God and His law for all our life is good for us (Matt. 6:33; Rom. 8:1-2). In yielding we do so with joy and love (Phil. 4:4-6; Gal. 5:6). Failure of man to yield the right of way to God will result in the most terrible fatality (2 Thess. 1:7-9).
- 26. 'ZEAL'IZATION:** (coined word) God's word marries our energetic efforts with the truth so as to influence others to love and serve God also (Titus 2:11-16). If we zealously let our light shine our influence will weigh heavy upon others (Matt. 5:13-16). ■

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