

Psalms 119:145-160

Connect with God's Word

Introduction

- I.N.S.T.R.U.C.T.I.O.N.

I = Imagine the benefits

N = Narrow your focus

S = Search your heart

T = Turn to God's Word

R = Ready yourself for Affliction

U = Unwavering in Faith

C = Commit in all Circumstances

T = Trust in God's Wisdom

I = Indignantly Pursue Righteousness

O = Obey in Oppression

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1. Know Your Weapons and Your War

Psalm 119:145-149

- The psalmist was in an entirely oppressive situation but understood the war that was being waged and the weapons at his disposal
- We have been armed with two powerful weapons for spiritual warfare: God's Word and prayer
- Prayer should not be our last resort but our first response when trouble strikes
- No crisis, no matter how devastating or hopeless it may seem, is beyond the power of prayer
- He is inspired by the record of who God is and how He responds

2. Rest in the Revelation of God and His Promises

Psalm 119:150-155

- God's commands and promises are firmly established, set on the solid foundation of the Lord's character
- The nearness of his enemies did not shake this man of faith, because he knew the Lord was also near
- We need to believe what God tells us in His Word
- The author of this psalm called on the Lord because of what he knew about God from His Word
- When we are suffering, we should cry out to God according to the promises of His Word

3. Stand for the Truth

Psalm 119:156-160

- The psalmist took a close look at the faithless men who viciously attacked him
- When we are suffering for our faith, Satan will be relentless in trying to influence our thinking
- Any one of us might have to stand alone one day to defend our faith
- God's mercies will be sufficient for every crisis
- We must never come to the place where we cease to be grieved by wickedness

HOMEWORK: Psalm 119:161-176