

Walking in the Word

Sermon Title: The Path of Purity

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Scripture: Psalm 119:9–16

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Main Idea

A life of purity is not built by willpower alone. God forms purity in us as His Word guards our way, fills our hearts, teaches our minds, and overflows through our lives.

Sermon in Brief

Psalm 119:9–16 answers the question, “How can a young man keep his way pure?” The answer is not mere self-discipline, stronger willpower, or moral resolve, but a life shaped by the Word of God. God’s Word guards us like a protective rail, redirects us when we are prone to wander, and gives us truth to treasure in our hearts. The psalmist shows that Scripture is not only to be read, but stored up, prayed over, learned, proclaimed, delighted in, meditated on, and remembered. Purity grows when God’s Word becomes at home in the heart.

Key Quotes

“What fills the heart shapes the life.”

“God’s Word is not a cage. It is a guardrail.”

“The question is not whether we memorize. The question is what we memorize.”

“The truths we put in our children’s minds and hearts today become the weapons they use for victory and freedom in the future.”

“Retirement from work is not retirement from discipleship.”

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Questions This Sermon Helps Answer

How can I stay pure in an impure world?

What does the Bible say about temptation?

How do I stop drifting from God?

Why should I memorize Scripture?

How can parents help children love the Bible?

How does God's Word change us?

How can older Christians disciple the next generation?

Why does Scripture matter for worship?

Reflect & Respond

What Scripture has God used in the past to guard, correct, or encourage you?

What habits are helping you store up God's Word in your heart?

If someone listened to your conversations for a week, what would they conclude is most important to you?

Who in the next generation could benefit from hearing what God has taught you?

This Week

Memorize one verse.

Choose Psalm 119:11: "I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you."

Identify one influence to limit.

Consider one habit, app, show, feed, or routine that may be shaping your heart away from God's Word, and replace some of that time with Scripture.