

**God's Word Is a Guard**  
**Psalm 119:9-16**  
**August 8, 2021**

**I. Sought (V. 9-10)**

A. God's word guards us when we seek His \_\_\_\_\_.

**II. Learned (V. 11-12)**

A. God's word guards us when we \_\_\_\_\_ it up in our hearts.

**III. Outspoken (V. 13)**

A. God's word guards us when we \_\_\_\_\_ His rules.

**IV. Loved (V. 14-16)**

A. God's word guards us when we \_\_\_\_\_ in His testimonies.

B. God's word guards us when we \_\_\_\_\_ on His ways.

C. God's word guards us when we \_\_\_\_\_ in His statutes.

## **Group Discussion Questions**

1. Read Psalm 119:9-16.
2. What does our heart for God's commandments have to do with our personal purity according to verses 9-10? How has your heart for God's commandments guarded your way?
3. Is holiness simply a matter of not doing bad things? Why does verse 11 also emphasize storing up the word in our hearts along with not sinning? How has storing up the word in your heart kept you from sin?
4. Can we believe God's rules and not declare them according to verse 13? How is this not a road to legalism? What is the difference between declaring God's rules and ungodly judgment of others?
5. What does loving God's word have to do with personal purity according to verses 14-16? How has your delight in His word kept your way pure?
6. Does verse 16 imply that forgetting God's word happens by accident? How could we possibly forget God's word if we already believe in it?
7. Pray for our church, that God's word would guard our way in every situation. Consider attending today's Zoom Prayer Meeting at 8:00 pm (time change because of the musical).

## **Church Bible Reading Plan**

Bible Reading Plan: 2 Corinthians 4-6

August Memory Verses: 2 Corinthians 1:3-5



**Psalm 121:1-4**

<sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?

<sup>2</sup> My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

<sup>3</sup> He will not let your foot be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber.

<sup>4</sup> Behold, He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

**BEFORE Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:**

If you have not done so already, register from the [www.apollobaptist.org](http://www.apollobaptist.org) home page by clicking the image for the Prayer Meeting. If you were registered before, you will need to sign up again. The new registration will last through 9/5/21.

Register with your name and email address.

Click on the emailed Zoom link at the time of the Prayer Meeting.

**DURING Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:**

PRAYING for the prospect of starting both a Spanish and Arabic ministry at Apollo.

**Pray for Our Church Family Needs:**

- PRAY for missions and missionaries
  - Jules S. will be heading to the mission field sometime this month.
- Vacation Bible School, Children's Camp and Youth Camp attendees: for all that was taught and learned to be remembered and applied
- Family & friends of church members who need salvation or to renew their relationship with Jesus
- Families who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones
  - Don R. (wife, Brenda, and brother), Yvonne B. (husband, Pastor Jamal), Tom M. (mom), Nataleen W. (brother)
- Those struggling with on-going health and other issues:
  - Mary R. (hospitalized with Covid/pneumonia), Harry and Pam D. (Harry's health and Pam's ongoing care-giving needs), Debbie B. (breast cancer has spread to her bones, pray for successful treatment), Kathy W. (digestion issues), Mary C. (additional cancer issues), Korrena C. (stroke issues and heart issues), Michelle L. (constant pain issues), Gail T. (knees and back), Debbie P. (broke her leg and is now in rehab), Twyla D. (had a stroke and now has a weakened right side), Kay H. (wisdom for family regarding her care)
- Those awaiting surgery:
  - Ruthie C. (stomach repair)
- Those struggling with family relational issues:
  - Marge D. (a son)
- Those needing employment:
  - Reginald G., Donna W.
- Others that you are aware of