2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NLT)

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. [17] God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.

Psalm 119:9-11, (NIV)

How can a young man keep his way pure?
By living according to your word. [10] I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. [11] I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

Psalm 1:1-2 (NIV)

Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. [2] But his DELIGHT is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.

God's WORD is a DELIGHT?

Psalm 119.89-96



"straight edge." It's the sort of object, like a ruler or a plumb line, that you would use to make sure you had the right length of cloth, or a wall that is lined up properly to fit into the structure. JDGrear

We declare our confidence in the total trustworthiness of the Scriptures. We believe the Bible is God's absolute, objective truth for all people for all times. It is without error in concept or detail in the original writings. It is breathed out in its entirety by God, divinely preserved, and trustworthy. We believe the Holy Spirit superintended human authors so that, through their individual personalities and literary styles, they composed and recorded God's Word. CBMinistries 2 Peter 1:16 (NET)

For we did NOT follow CLEVERLY
CONCOCTED FABLES when we made
known to you the POWER and RETURN
of our Lord Jesus Christ; no, we were
eyewitnesses of His grandeur.

→ Never FORGET men did NOT make ALL this UP - it ALL came FROM God

Peter 3:15-16 (NIV) ...[16] He writes the same way in **ALL his letters**, speaking in them of these matters. His letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the OTHER **Scriptures**, to their own destruction.

Paul's LETTERS were...

- already being widely CIRCULATED
- seen as AUTHORITATIVE
- seen as SCRIPTURE

2 Timothy 3.16-17 (NIV)

ALL Scripture is God-Breathed and is USEFUL

for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,
[17] SO THAT the man of God may be thoroughly EQUIPPED for every good work.

→ The ENTIRE Bible came FROM God IT was given SO THAT we would know HOW to LIVE

The BIBLE

- IS God's WORD
- was INSPIRED BY God
- has the POWER to CHANGE Lives

Hebrews 4:12 (NIV)
For the Word of God is LIVING and ACTIVE.

Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

Question- How can we be pure in our relationships with others?

Answer - Live ACCORDING to God's WORD

Romans 8:5 (NLT)

Those who are **dominated by** the sinful nature **THINK ABOUT** sinful things,

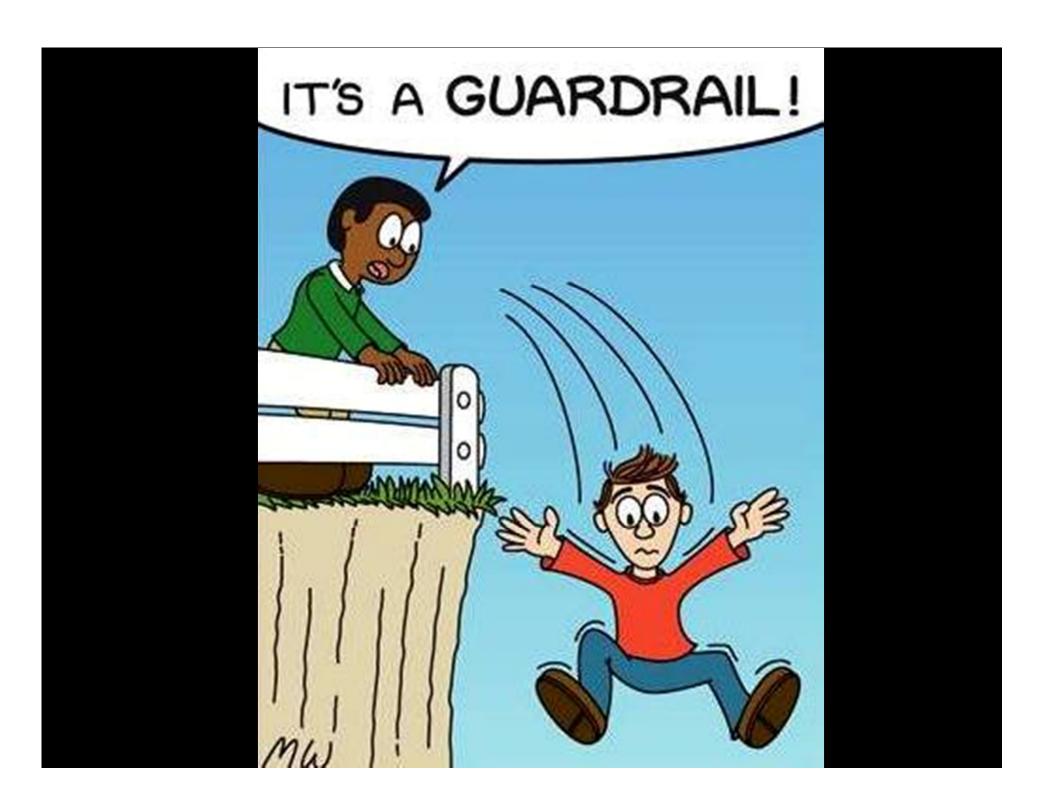
but those who are

Controlled by the Holy Spirit
THINK ABOUT things that
please the Spirit.

Prayer- Do NOT let me STRAY from Your Commands

Answer- HIDE God's WORD in my heart





→ It is IMPOSSIBLE to live for God APART from His Word



→ God's LAW reminds me that I NEED God's GRACE and Forgiveness

James 1:23-25 (NLT)

For if you listen to the **WORD** and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. [24] You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like. [25] But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it.

Psalm 1:1-3 (NLT)

Oh, the JOYS of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers.

[2] But they DELIGHT in the law of the LORD, meditating on it day and night.

[3] They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season...

Psalm 119:174-175 (NIV)
I long for Your salvation, O LORD,
and Your LAW is my DELIGHT.

[175] Let me live that I may
PRAISE You,
and may Your LAWS sustain me.

Psalm 119:176 (NIV)

I have STRAYED like a lost sheep.

SEEK your servant,

for I have not forgotten your commands.