Dear Open Door Family,

Have you ever daydreamed about what you would do if you found some kind of treasure? Most of us have wondered what it would be like to have so much money that you don't have to worry about it. If you have a vivid imagination you may even plan out how you would use what you received. But the interesting thing is that the Lord is not interested in what I would do if I had more of this or more of that. He wants to see what I will do with what I do have. When it comes to issues of money and the things we value in life, we should ask ourselves some questions. What do we REALLY Treasure? What do we Value ABOVE all things? In a Christian context we know that the answer should be that we Treasure the Lord Jesus and His Word above all things. But can we honestly say that? What evidence is there in our lives that shows we TREASURE the Bible above all things? Let's look at these verses about the value of God's Word together.

PSALM 19:7-10 *(NLT) The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul. The decrees of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple. [8] The commandments of the Lord are right, bringing joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are clear, giving insight to life. [9] Reverence for the Lord is pure, lasting forever. The laws of the Lord are true; each one is fair. [10] They are more desirable than gold, even the finest gold. They are sweeter than honey, even honey dripping from the comb.*

David uses three different words (law, decrees, commands) as synonyms for God's Word. Then He goes on to give us a list of what God's Word is like and what it can do.

GOD'S WORD...

...is PERFECT (no mistakes or errors)
...REVIVES the Soul (refreshes and restores like a drink of cold water on a hot day)
...is TRUSTWORTHY (dependable and reliable)
...makes the simple WISE (when it comes to God we are all Simple and need help becoming wise)
...is Right (correct, accurate, precise)
...brings JOY to the heart (delight, pleasure, enjoyment)
...is CLEAR (pure, wholesome, untainted)
...gives INSIGHT to life (to shine light on something)
...is True (faithful, true, firm)
...is Fair (righteous, just)
...is more DESIRABLE than gold (to treasure more than riches)
...is SWEETER than Honey (more enjoyable that sweetness)

I wonder, do I really see all of those things as True when I read my Bible? Do I really believe it is PERFECT? Do I truly believe that my soul is RESTORED by reading, learning and obeying God's Word? Does God's Word bring JOY to my heart? If NOT, why Not? Do I TRUST God's Word so much that I'm willing to live my life by what it says no matter what the culture says? Is God's Word precious to me? Do I TREASURE God's Word above all other things - above my comforts and pleasures in life - above the things that I want? Is there JOY in me as I open God's Word or take time to Think deeply about God's WORD? These are the kinds of questions we need to ask ourselves if we want to say honestly that we Love God's WORD. The challenge for each of us is to take God's Word and read it, think about it, let it permeate our heart and soul, and seek to LIVE it in our daily lives.

PRAYER: Lord, help me like David to fall in Love with Your WORD. May I treasure it above ALL things. Help me to seek to grow through reading and studying and meditating on it. Help me to learn the Truth of Your Word, help me to understand it, and above all give me your Help so that I can Faithfully Obey it.

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