

## The Life-giving Word > Psalm 119:33-40

**119:33-35** *Request.* The psalmist asks for the Lord to provide not only knowledge, but also understanding and leading as well. The result is not just a better grasp on God's law, but also a more faithful embracing and following of it.

**119:36-37** *Contrast.* Part of learning to savor God's ways is to call on Him to develop a taste for what He says in contrast with the tastes promoted by our world. It's that we would see and desire Jesus more than anyone or anything else.

**119:38-39** *Purpose.* The reasons behind the psalmist's request are highlighted in these verses – the point isn't simply knowledge for the sake of knowledge, but instead a response of trusting in and enjoying the Lord.

**119:40** *Heart.* In some ways, we find here a summary of the entire stanza – a longing for the Lord by treasuring His words.

**The Point:** The psalmist asks the Lord to work in him that he would not just know and understand, but also delight in the Lord by treasuring God's words.

**Prayer:** Lord, would you give us such a heart for you that we treasure each and every word you give us. Make us to love your ways and laws to such an extent that they become our delight and joy as we live them out before others.

**Application:** ask the Lord to develop these kinds of longings in you, that you would call on Him to build within you a delight in all that He says.

**Here is how I will apply these truths:** \_\_\_\_\_

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