

How To Get Off To A Great Start
Psalm 119:9-11

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1. Have you ever heard someone say, "Oh, to be young again!"
 2. Let me share with you a few observations about today's youth culture.
 3. Today's verses are a very straightforward challenge from Psalm 119.
 - a. They read: **"How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word. I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you."** Psalm 119:9-11
 - b. The psalmist asks a rhetorical question, **"How can the young person keep his way pure?"**
 - c. The intent of the expression is this, "How can I live the way God designed me to live?"
 - d. He answers the question by making three specific statements prayerfully to God. Let's take a look at this passage.
- I. We Are Challenged to Live According to God's Word. Psalm 119:9, "How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word."**
- A. Every day, we encounter many different seductive voices.
 - B. The Bible has a response to societal influences.
 1. **2 Timothy 2:22**
 2. **Titus 2:11-13**
- II. You Are To Seek God With All Your Heart. Psalm 119:10, "I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands."**
- A. God desires to be in relationship with people who really love Him.
 - B. It is possible to stray in life.
- III. You Are To Hide God's Word In Your Heart. Psalm 119:11, "I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you."**
- A. Are you a person of the Book? **James 1:21-25**
 - B. Welcome the Word with a repentant heart. **"Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent..." James 1:21**
 - C. Welcome the Word with a receptive heart. **"Humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you." James 1:21**
 - D. Welcome the Word with a responsive heart. **"Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says." James 1:22**
 1. **Matthew 7:26**
 2. **Luke 11:28**