

*Hidden Within, Part 3*  
Philippians 4:8

**16 Benefits of filling your mind with God's Word**

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## **SUGGESTED DISCUSSION POINTS FROM JANUARY 5, 2020 SERMON**

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Go through the list one by one and discuss the benefits of knowing God's Word and Hiding it in your heart.

#### **1. Increasing Faith**

Philippians 2:5, "Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus."

Matthew 6:19-21, "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. <sup>20</sup>But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; <sup>21</sup>for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

#### **2. Victory Over Sin**

Psalms 119:11, "I have hidden your Word in my heart that I might not sin against you."

#### **3. Inner Cleansing**

Philippians 4:8, "Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things."

#### **4. Knowing Doctrine**

1 Timothy 4:16, "Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers."

#### **5. Guidance**

Psalms 119:24, "Your testimonies also are my delight; *They are* my counselors."

#### **6. Prayers**

John 15:7, "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you."

#### **7. Bible Study**

2 Timothy 3:16-17, "All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; <sup>17</sup>so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work." All of God's Word is beneficial and all of it is beneficial as you study and obey."

#### **8. Finding Passages**

**9. Meditation** Psalms 119:97, "O how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day."

#### **10. Experiencing the Holy Spirit**

John 14:26, "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you."

#### **11. Worship**

Psalms 119:164, "Seven times a day I praise you for your righteous laws."

#### **12. Not Wasting Time**

Romans 12:2, "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."

#### **13. Counseling**

Isaiah 50:4a, "The Sovereign Lord has given me a well-instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary."

#### **14. Witnessing**

As Peter says in 1 Peter 3:15, "...always *being* ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you..."

**15. Teaching** 2 Tim 4:2, "preach the word; be ready in season *and* out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction."

**16. Testing Feelings, Thoughts, Attitudes** Hebrews 4:12, "For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart."