



THE LIVING WORD

A campus representative treasures the Word of God and actively refers to it as a guide for life and for training in righteousness, believing that it is divinely inspired and holds eternal truth.

MEMORY VERSE

Psalm 119:111-112

¹¹²¹ Your statutes are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart. ¹¹² My heart is set on keeping your decrees to the very end.

BIBLE STUDY

Psalm 1:1-3; John 15:5-8, Galatians 5:22-23

1. Psalm 1:1-2 emphasizes two activities that should be carried out simultaneously to be blessed. Contrast the actions commanded in verse one to those in verse two. Identify specific instances in your life when you successfully resisted the way of the wicked. Why were you successful? Did the Word of God have a role to play in helping you to resist temptation?

2. Psalm 1:2-3 describes two primary elements that affect success: position and timing. Our position is determined by our thought life, our worldview, our attitude and the choices we make, whereas timing deals with the season and circumstance in which success occurs. In your opinion, which of these two factors is more crucial for our success? How much control do we have over these factors? Which one should be our primary focus?

3. Compare and contrast John 15:5-8 to Psalm 1:2-3. Does the concept of position and timing apply to this passage as well? How so?

4. What kind of success or prosperity do you think is implied in these passages? What kind of success are you seeking? What would it take for you to feel fulfilled in life? Read Galatians 5:22-23. Do you notice any of these fruits in your life? Which are you lacking and which do you desire more of? Based on the passages that we just studied, how can we bear fruit?

PERSONAL REFLECTION

1. List some areas of struggle in your spiritual life. What are some verses you can use to combat the lies of the enemy? For example, if you become anxious easily, consider meditating on Matthew 6:25-34, Philippians 4:6-7, or 2 Corinthians 10:5.

Struggles	Promises
Easily anxious	Matt 6:25-34, Phil 4:6-7, 2 Cor 10:5

Spend time lifting up each of your struggles to the Lord in prayer. Claim the promises that you listed adjacent to the struggle and take some time to write a brief reflection on your experience through prayer including how long you prayed and how you felt about your struggles afterwards.

2. Meditate on 2 Timothy 3:16-17 and John 1:1. What is scripture to you? Do you agree with these passages?

Identify a time in your life when the Word of God actively taught, rebuked, corrected, or trained you in righteousness and list the passage(s) below along with a brief description of what was revealed to you at the time.

In your opinion, what kind of book is the Bible most similar too? How is it like a history book? How is it like a love letter?

APPLICATION

Choose one or more of the following applications:

1. **Picture This** – Spend more time praying and reflecting on Psalm 1:1-3 and John 15:5-8. Illustrate your thoughts and insights any way that you would like and share them with your mentor. Discuss why you chose the forms, shapes, colors, and subject matter that you did and then have your mentor share his or her illustration. Choose other passages to illustrate and consider giving the artwork as gifts of encouragement to classmates or teachers from school.
2. **A Psalm of My Own** – Choose some of your favorite worship songs and take a look at the lyrics. Try to find the scripture that the song was based on or other scriptural passages that speak on the same themes addressed by the song. If that doesn't suit you, try it the other way around; choose your favorite Bible verses and find songs that were inspired by those same passages. If you feel inspired as you search for songs and passages, perhaps you can even try writing your own song!
3. **Greetings!** – Every time you see or talk to your mentor (or anyone else in the CRI program) greet them by reciting either Psalm 1:1-3 or John 15:5-8. The first person that begins reciting gets to choose which passage to recite and the other person must respond by reciting the other passage. If any passer-bys see or overhear your conversation make sure to take the opportunity to tell them about the CRI program and the journey that you have embarked on!
4. **Come up with your own application and write down the rules here:**

Suggested Reading:

1. *Gathered in the Word* by Norveen Vest
2. "Key to Success 101: Moving into that Better Position"
www.renewtheresponse.org/key-to-success-101-moving-into-that-better-position/
3. "Key to Success 102: Act When the Timing is Right"
www.renewtheresponse.org/key-to-success-102-act-when-the-timing-is-right/
4. "Worry and Stress: Bible Emergency Numbers"
www.renewtheresponse.org/worry-and-stress-bible-emergency-numbers/

