

HIDING GOD'S WORD

Reference: **Psalms 119:17-18**

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God gave us a great gift when He gave us the Bible. The central storyline of the Bible is the worship of God made possible by the death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ.

A. I Need the Spirit to illuminate my Bible.

1. Two prayers – We need God's Spirit to understand our Bible

References: **John 14:26; 16:13; Numbers 22:31;**

2 Kings 6:17

2. Believers are blinded too.

References: **2 Corinthians 4:4; 1 Corinthians 2:12;**

Psalm 119:18; 2 Timothy 2:15

3. A Human Level - The Bible is crucial for you to live a life that pleases God.

Reference: **Psalm 119:11**

B. A Prayer Before Bible Study – sample prayer:

Father,

I need you, Holy Spirit, to understand my Bible. I don't just need your Spirit one time to understand it but all the time.

There are things inside of me that make me disobedient to your commands. Remove the blinders, mighty God! Open my mind and heart to obey what I see in your Word. Teach me aspects of Your Word that I haven't seen before. Keep me from being bored with my Bible. Please reveal the wonder of the Word to me constantly.

Don't just fill my mind with more information but make me want to do your commands. Drive it down deep inside of me that your commands are an invitation for me to be truly happy. The truth and reality is, God, I need Your Spirit to Help Me Understand Your Word.

In Jesus' Name,

Amen.

C. I am Your Servant – vs. 17

1. I need the Spirit to illuminate my Bible.

2. I need the Spirit in order to obey my Bible.

Reference: **Psalm 119:36-37**

D. Overview of Psalm 119 - Psalm 119 is divided into twenty-two sections, each containing eight verses. The twenty-two sections correspond to the twenty-two letters of the Hebrew alphabet.

1. Incline my heart - When the Bible says, "incline my heart," it means "turn my heart."

2. Anxiety free – Reference: **Matthew 6:25**

3. Living generously – **Matthew 6:19-21**

4. Evangelism – Reference: **Luke 14:23**

5. Bonus Command: Humility – Reference: **Matthew 18:4**

E. Real Freedom – Reference: **Psalm 119:36-37**

"Be God's servant"

and

"Incline your heart to obey His laws."