

1 Thessalonians 5:17
Pray without ceasing.

Three words. I bet you can remember three little words, *pray*, *without* and *ceasing*.
Yes, I can do that Steve. Great, if you can and you do, do you know what you just did? You just memorized scripture, and the bible says what to do with it once you do.

‡ **Psalm 119:11** *Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You!*

Cool isn't it! But, today's devotional verse is not about remembering scripture. But then again, maybe it is. What if this morning you had your morning devotional with the Lord then had your morning prayer with Him, with just one little thing you would do different this morning? What is it? It would be that when you are praying and when are done, what if you don't say AMEN until you lay your head down on your pillow to fall asleep tonight. What would your prayers sound like all day?

Would they be prayers of lifting others up, or tearing them down?
Would your praying include profanity or praise?
Would your prayer include gossip or encouragement?
Would your prayer include greed or gratitude?
Maybe it would have hints of judgment instead of mercy?

We all probably know this next verse and we all really want to live this.

‡ **Psalm 19:14** *Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my strength and my Redeemer.*

Well, one way to actually live this may be to allow every word that proceeds from your mouth each day to be a prayer to God. Oh, how the way we talked to others would drastically change if we did.

‡ **Ephesians 4:29** *Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.*